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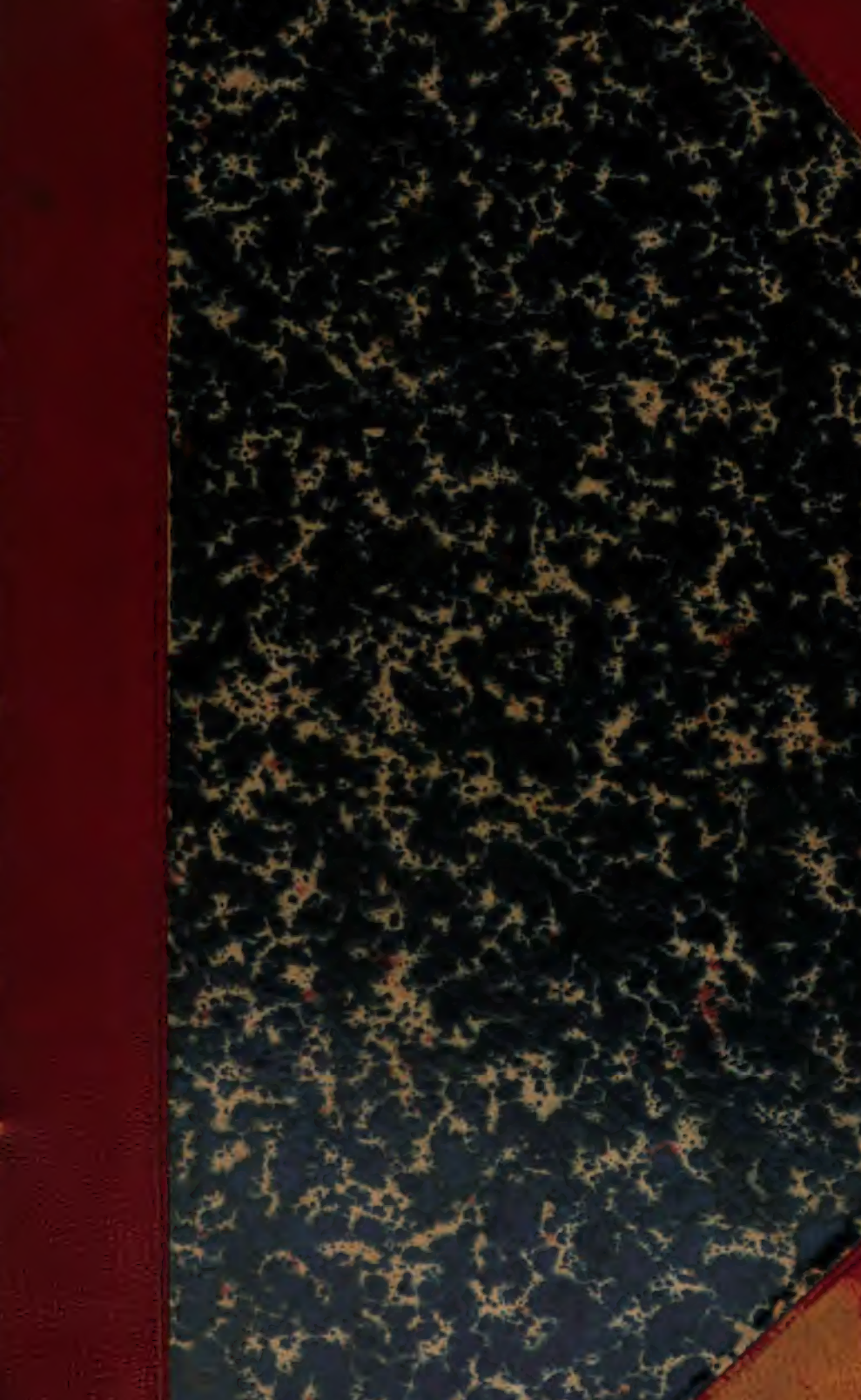
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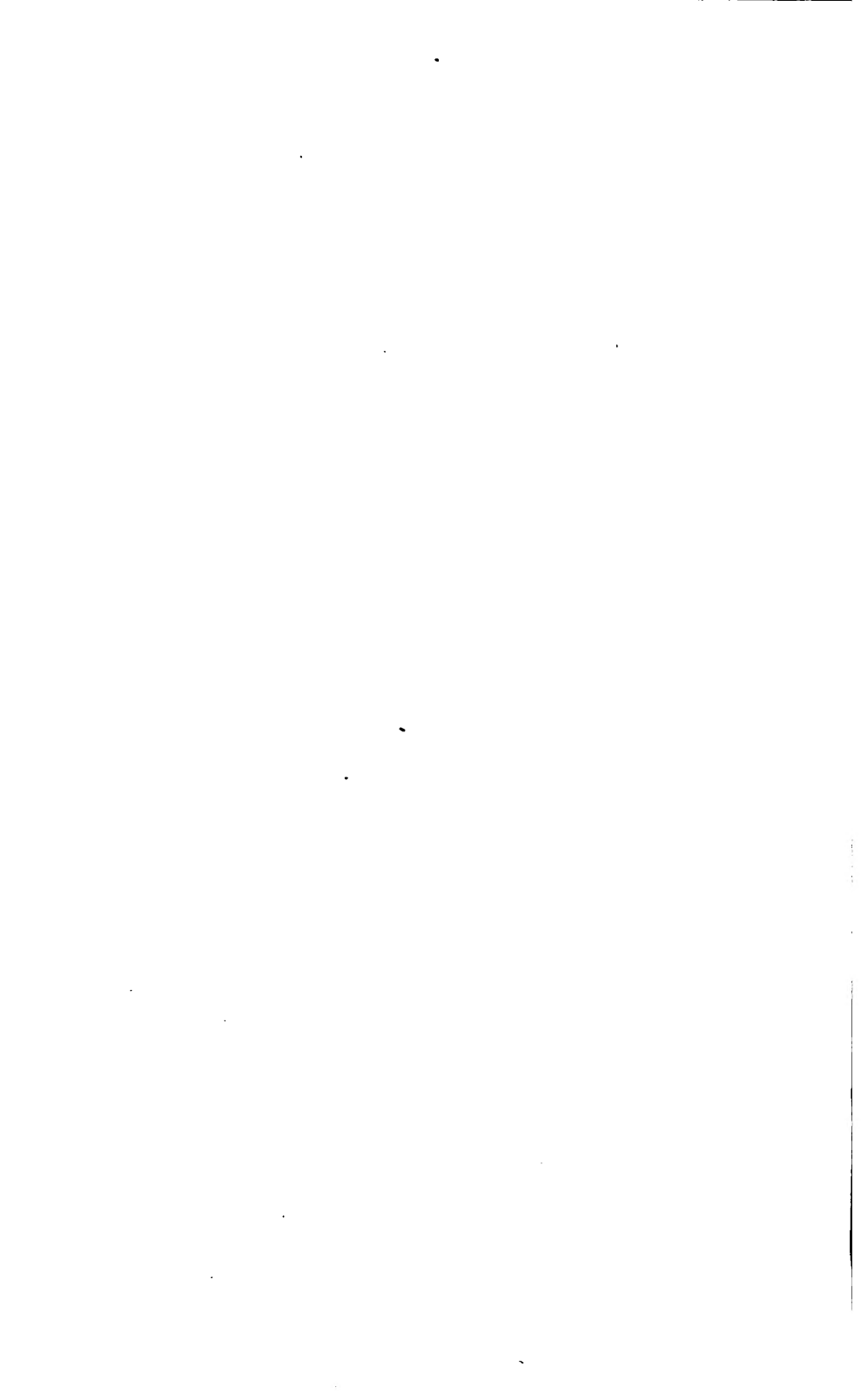
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# GENERAL HISTORY

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## THE COUNTY OF DUBLIN.

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DUBLIN, the metropolitan county of Ireland, is bounded on the south by the county Wicklow; on the west by that of Kildare, on the north by Meath; and on the east by the Irish Sea. It extends from north to south thirty English miles, from east to west about eighteen, and contains, according to the survey and valuation return of 1824,\* 147,884 Irish acres, i. e. 237,741 acres in English admeasurement, exclusive of the city, and the liberties of Donore and St. Sepulchre's thereto annexed. Of this quantity about

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\* This return, which was in truth but a transcript of the scale for road assessments in this county, as recognized in the act of 1763 hereafter particularly mentioned, and based on immemorial local subsidies, is an exceedingly defective, but as yet, unfortunately, the best criterion; the trigonometrical survey of this county not being completed sufficiently to verify a total estimate. Through the kindness, however, of Lieutenant Larcom, a return of the parochial acreable contents is promised for this work, as accurately as can at present be ascertained, and within the requisite time.

16,000 Irish acres have been calculated as waste, while the church lands are returned as 8,966A. 3R. 17P. arable and pasture, exclusive of 385 acres of mountain and bog; the commons, Archer,\* at the commencement of this century, calculated as 2,560 Irish acres. Happily, however, the last item has been greatly diminished since his time, and much excellent but long neglected land has, by inclosure, been made the object of individual interest and improvement.

The city is considered to have derived its name from the "black channel" of the Liffey, and to have communicated the appellation to the surrounding county, which comprises six baronies and one half barony, viz. Coolock, Balrothery, Nethercross, and Castleknock, on the north side of the river Liffey; and Newcastle, Uppercross, and Half Rathdown, on the south; while these civil divisions are ecclesiastically portioned into eighty-seven parishes, and eighteen parts of parishes, containing, in the yet more minute subdivision of townlands, 693 denominations.

In 1795 the population of this county was calculated as 54,000. In 1813 it was stated to be 110,437. In 1821 the census returned it as 125,625, and in 1831 as 151,228; exclusive, however, in the two latter instances, of the liberties of Donore and St. Sepulchre's, which are classed in connexion with the city; while the number of houses in the county, as so defined, were duly reported to be, in 1821, 19,966, and in 1831, 22,385.

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\* Statistical Survey of the County of Dublin.



A table of the comparative population of Ireland, at different periods, with the authorities on which each estimate is grounded, may be considered of sufficient interest to justify its introduction here, premising that Sir William Petty, in his Political Arithmetic, conjectures it to have been, at the time of the English invasion, not much more than 300,000. This number, by the ordinary course of generation, he calculates would, in 500 years, allowing for epidemics, famines, wars, &c., increase to 1,200,000, which, he says, was the population of Ireland in 1641; but soon afterwards so more than decimated by the civil war and feuds of the disastrous period that immediately ensued, as fully to justify the reduction made by the same political economist, and which forms the first item in the following table :—

1652 Sir Wm. Petty, 850,000	1777 The same, 2,690,556
1672 Sir Wm. Petty, 1,100,000	1785 The same, 2,845,932
— Same, corrected, 1,320,000	1787 Dublin Chronicle,* 3,001,200
1695 Captain South, 1,034,102	1788 Gervase P. Bushe, 4,040,000
1712 Thomas Dobbs, 2,099,094	1791 Hearth money collectors, 4,206,612
1718 The same, 2,169,048	1792 Rev Dr. Beaufort 4,088,226
1725 The same, 2,317,374	1805 Thomas New-enham, 5,395,456
1726 The same, 2,309,106	1814 Census, 5,937,856
1731 Poll tax return, 2,010,221	1821 Census, 6,801,827
1754 Hearth money collectors, 2,372,634	1831 Census, 7,767,401
1762 De Burgo, 2,317,384	
1767 Hearth money collectors, 2,544,276	

\* This estimate is rather noticed on account of the remarkable subdivision which it makes of this total, viz. :—

This county, excepting a mountainous tract at the south, is very fertile, and exceeds any other in the kingdom in culture, trade, and wealth; yet its productiveness is more attributable to its position in the vicinity of the metropolis, than to the natural quality of the soil, which, if it were not husbanded with large outlays of capital, and all the refreshments of compost that the city and the sea supply, would fail to present such a robe of richness and verdure as it now exhibits.

Neither does the scenery in general derive its greatest beauty from its own resources, the perspective of the bay of Dublin and the Wicklow mountains, communicating to almost every view its softest and finest finish. It is not, however, to be concluded, that the county is deficient in picturesque attractions of its own. Scenes of singular, but unappreciated loveliness, occur in various localities, as shall be particularly pointed out in the progress of the work. Nor does it want its own bold mountains, its dark wooded glens, its graceful river, its meandering streams, and its sacred islands; there is but one feature of the pic-

In the army, including invalids . . . . .	12,000	Labourers employed, . . . . .	600,000
In the revenue, . . . . .	4,000	Children, . . . . .	400,000
Employed in manufactures	520,000	Merchants, . . . . .	2,500
Mariners, fishermen, and boatmen . . . . .	46,000	Clergy of all denominations, . . . . .	11,500
Handicrafts and tradesmen . . . . .	580,000	Men of the law, doctors, and surgeons, . . . . .	5,200
Shopkeepers, dealers, and pedlars, . . . . .	260,000	Unemployed poor, idlers, and vagrants, . . . . .	550,000
Resident nobility and gentry . . . . .	10,000		
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turesque in which it had been somewhat cheated, it has no silver lake

“ That to the fringed bank,  
Her crystal mirror holds.”

The southern district is almost entirely a range of granite hills, the loftiest of which, Garrycastle, attains an elevation of 1869 feet above the level of the sea, while in the van, and the most remarkable in the group, the Three Rock Mountain rears its mystic, crowning monuments to a similar elevation of 1585 feet.

The Liffey, of which a more particular account shall be given in its proper place, intersects the county, and is the only river of note that wanders through it. The baronies south of this river have a gentle inclination towards the sea, are well supplied with water from the mountains behind them, and thickly peopled, and ornamented with elegant villas and demesnes. Those at the northern side contain also many spacious and beautiful parks and residences, but, not being in equally fashionable estimation, are not so thickly studded with seats and improvements.

As has been remarked, there are no lakes here, but neither are there, with the exception of some tracts upon and between the mountains of Montpelier, Cruagh, and Kilmashogue, Glancree, Kippure, and Glancullen, those deforming bogs, in which the crystal brightness of too many Irish lakes is set.

Two canals, injudiciously approximated to each



other, the one the Royal, north of the Liffey, the other the Grand, south of it, extend their parallel lines of navigation across the county, and thence respectively communicate with the lordly Shannon.

On the geology of the county in general, Professor Scouler supplies the following observations :—

“ The vicinity of Dublin offers a great variety of interesting matter for the study of the geologist. Within a very limited distance from the capital, we are presented with an important series both of primary and secondary rocks. To the south of the bay, PRIMARY ROCKS alone occur ; which are remarkable not only from their variety, but from the indications of violence exhibited in the contortions of the strata, the intrusion of granitic veins into the micaceous schist, and the chemical changes which the schists have suffered when in contact with the granite. The primary rocks consist of a central ridge of granite, on each side of which the micaceous and argillaceous schists, the quartz rock, and mountain limestone are arranged. This granite chain extends from Kingstown on the North into the county of Waterford on the South, a distance of nearly sixty miles.

“ In the vicinity of Dublin the course of the granite chain is well ascertained : it extends from Dalkey Island to Black Rock, and from thence passes southward to Dundrum and Rathfarnham ; it then crosses the Military Road behind Montpellier hill, and running across the northern extremity of Glenismaule, forms the basis of Seechon, and consequently supports the schist which constitutes the greater por-

tion of that hill. On the east, that is, next the sea, the boundary of the granite is very apparent; from Dalkey it runs along the shore to Killiney, from thence it runs inland to Rochestown hill, extending in nearly a right line to the Scalp, passing on to Glancree and Lough Dan, holding a southerly course.

“ This central granite ridge includes some of the loftiest hills in the vicinity, they are, however, rivalled by the adjoining quartz mountain, called the greater Sugar Loaf, and the schistose mountains of Seechon and of Djouce. This granite ridge is destitute of the sharp and spiry outlines which so often characterize mountains composed of this rock; a circumstance apparently dependent on the inconsiderable elevation of the hills, and also on the very decomposable nature of some of the kinds of this rock, which disintegrate rapidly with exposure to the weather.

“ The mineral nature of the granite in general exhibits, nevertheless, but little variety, and is almost completely free from hornblende or other ingredients, not essential to its character. The felspar is for the most part of a pearly whiteness, and forms a striking contrast with the black mica. The stone is much employed for architectural purposes in Dublin and the vicinity, and considerable quantities of it are exported to Liverpool, and there employed for paving the streets. Near Killiney, at the junction of the granite with the schist, the quality of the former is rather different from that obtained in the quarries near Kingstown. It is harder; and the mica, in-

stead of occurring in plates, has assumed the form of plumose mica. At Glancullen, Glenismaule, &c., the granite is more coarse-grained and the mica is of light colour, forming large hexagonal plates, sometimes half an inch in breadth. This variety is less compact than the granite of Killiney, and contains more felspar and mica; hence, perhaps, its more decomposable nature. In the vicinity of Glenismaule the granite is often completely disintegrated for a depth of four feet or more; and the decay of the rock would proceed with great rapidity, if the covering of peat did not afford a protection against the destructive effects of the weather. This decomposed granite sand is brought to Dublin under the name of freestone, and is employed for scouring and other domestic purposes.

“The mass of granite, whose limits have been defined, is almost every where in contact with the micaceous schist, both on its western and eastern flanks, and the junction of the rocks may be studied at Killiney, the Scalp, and Rathfarnham. In the first of these situations, the schist is seen resting on its upturned edges, on a basis of granite, and traversed by numerous veins of that substance. As the granite veins run in two directions they often intersect, and one set runs parallel to the lamination of the schist, while a second set cuts across the strata. Many of these veins contain fragments of the schistose rock. Along the line of junction of the two rocks, the schist is much curved, and contains abundance of crystals of chiastolite arranged in stelliform groups. The

schist is not the only rock which is in contact with the granite; for, from Black-Rock to Dundrum, the limestone succeeds the granite, and consequently the whole series of primary strata are absent. The actual contact of the two rocks has not been observed; but at Black-Rock they are within a few yards of each other; and the limestone is extremely compact, consisting of angular fragments, as if it had been shivered into small pieces and subsequently reunited. The quartz rock of Shankhill, if not in actual contact with the granite, is only separated from it by the intervention of a thin film of micaceous schist; and at Ballinascorney, the argillaceous schist is not far removed from the granite; but, as the two schists graduate into each other, it is not easy to characterize them, in every instance, by precise mineralogical distinctions.

“The MICACEOUS SCHIST occurs both on the eastern and western flanks of the granite; on the east it commences at Killiney, occupies the eastern side of Rochestown hill, and extends from thence to the Scalp, where it is seen reposing on the granite, much contorted, and containing crystals of Andalusite. From the Scalp, it passes to the west of Enniskerry, and constitutes the rocks of Powerscourt waterfall; and still continuing its southerly direction, it passes by the head of Glancree, constitutes Djouce mountain, and may be seen in contact with the granite at the upper extremity of Loch Dan. On the western side, the micaceous schist commences at Rathfarnham, and the junction of the two rocks may be seen, on the

road side, near the commencement of the Military Road ; it then runs across Glenismaule and forms the mountain of Seechon.

“ The micaceous schist exhibits the usual mineral characters of that rock, and consists of a mixture of quartz and mica, in variable proportions. Sometimes, alternating laminae of the two ingredients are so fine, that the mica appears to preponderate, and the quartz is not so apparent : on the other hand, the quartz sometimes attains the thickness of an inch, and almost excludes the mica. Not unfrequently the quartz is replaced by argillaceous laminae, and thus the rock passes into an argillaceous schist ; which, when in contact with the granite, is sometimes changed into hornblende schist. At Killiney the schist exhibits a peculiar mode of decomposition, which it is difficult to explain. At first little circular depressions may be observed in the schist, and as these enlarge, little cavities are formed, often the size of an orange, and giving the rock a remarkably corroded appearance, as if it had been an amygdaloid which had lost its mineral nodules. This, however, is not the case in the present instance, for the cavities are not caused by the falling out of nodules or portions of conglomerate, but appear to depend on some ill understood concretionary structure.

“ The mica schist is followed by ARGILLACEOUS SCHIST and QUARTZ ROCK ; the former occurring on both sides of the granite chain, whilst the latter is only found on its eastern side : quartz rock also appears on the north side of the bay, constituting the

peninsula of Howth. The schist occurs in continuous strata, which may be traced over a wide extent of country, but the quartz rock is found only in detached portions.

“ On the eastern side of the granite ridge, the argillaceous schist, being the outermost of the rocks on that side, is bounded by the sea. The other margin of the clay strata is bounded by the micaceous schist, and may be defined by a line drawn from Shankhill and passing to Enniskerry, and to the west of the great Sugar Loaf, and continuing in the same direction beyond Loch Dan. It includes the country around Bray, the Dargle, and Glen of the Downs; and also includes several extensive masses of quartz rock, such as Shankhill, the two Sugar Loafs, Bray Head, the Glen of the Downs, &c.

“ On the western side of the granite ridge, the commencement of the argillaceous schist may be seen, beyond Rathfarnham, where it is bounded by the river Dodder, which separates it from the micaceous schist; it then passes to the west of Seechon till it reaches the sources of the Liffey. There is often considerable difficulty in tracing the junction of the two schistose rocks, as they pass into each other by insensible gradations, and have both been greatly disturbed and contorted. The lower parts of the argillaceous schists often pass into greywacke schist, viz., into schist containing fragments of schistose rocks, which are fine in some cases, as near Bray, while they are coarse conglomerates near the Tallagh Hills.

“ Near the granite, these rocks undergo a very remarkable change; and, as we trace them, they gra-

dually lose the stratified appearance, and even their schistose structure; they have become, in short, hard and compact, passing into a very close-grained green stone, consisting of hornblende and felspar, and, where the crystals of felspar attain a larger size, a greenstone porphyry is the result. In the ravines, portions of schorl in acicular crystals are very common, but they have not been traced to their source.

“Lambay Island, to the north of Dublin, may be included under the head of argillaceous schist. The island consists of strata of schist and beds of green stone and porphyry. The schistose strata are much indurated, and are contorted in a most intricate manner, and these contortions occur both on the minute and the great scale. These strata often lose their stratified appearance and pass into green stone and porphyry. The porphyry is sometimes amygdaloidal, containing nodules of calcareous spar. The crystals of felspar often exhibit a very peculiar laminar structure.

“The QUARTZ ROCK exists in two states, either alternating with schist, and in that case decidedly stratified, or destitute of all foreign intermixture, and in these examples the stratification is very indistinct. The hills composed of quartz rock are easily recognized by their conical outline, a circumstance which has served to give names to some of them. The chief masses of quartz are Bray Head and Howth, in which it alternates with schistose strata; Shank-hill, and the greater and lesser Sugar Loaf, in which no schistose strata occur.

“The quartz of the peninsula of Howth exhibits



the phenomenon of contorted strata in a very beautiful manner. The stratification is very obvious, and the schistose beds exhibit a great diversity of hues from purple to red, thus rendering the contortions more apparent. Some of the strata rest on their edges, others are undulated, and sometimes curved upon themselves, so as to resemble the concentric crusts of some spheroidal concretion. The same phenomenon is observable at Bray.

“ The only secondary rock, that occurs in the vicinity of Dublin, is the MOUNTAIN LIMESTONE, which constitutes all the country beyond the primary strata; occupying the counties of Meath and Kildare, and greater part of the county of Dublin. No limestone is found in the county of Wicklow, and the farmers of that county, on the eastern or sea side, obtain their supplies from Howth or from the beds of stratified calcareous alluvium, the only condition under which limestone occurs in that county. On the opposite side of the county the supplies of lime for building and agricultural purposes are chiefly drawn from the county of Carlow.

“ The limestone exists in two very distinct states in the vicinity of Dublin; in the one it has the character of the ordinary carboniferous limestone, containing the usual organic remains; but near the primary strata it is very impure, has a schistose structure, contains but few organic remains, and is the CALP of Kirwan. The calp is distinctly stratified, the strata seldom exceeding two feet in thickness, and being separated by thin beds of slate clay. This

limestone, which is much used for architectural purposes, occurs in many localities around Dublin, and every where exhibits marks of contortion and violence. At Lucan there is a beautiful example of contorted limestone strata; and equally interesting instances may be seen at Portrane, where the sea coast has exposed numerous sections, in which the nature of the calp is fully displayed.

“ Besides the calp, magnesian limestone occurs in a few localities, as at Howth, near the junction of the primary and secondary strata, at Malahide, and on the Dodder between Milltown and Classon Bridge. This limestone contains no organic remains, but occasionally, as at Howth, we find it contains imbedded fragments of the mountain limestone.”

Some few occurrences of interest, respecting the geology and mineralogy of particular localities, shall be there respectively stated, to which subdivision of the subject all botanic notices are wholly referred, as are also some few remarks on the conchology.

The agricultural use and experience of the county is greatly curtailed by the appropriation of so large a portion of its surface to the enjoyment of the gentry; and, although the rocky basements of the hills are yielding daily to the hand of industry and the progress of civilization, yet the vegetable productions are not much augmented thence, as the reclaimed ground is generally anticipated for country houses and pleasure grounds. The agriculture of the county, however, is not within the scope of this work, and would require the devotion of an exclusive volume, and

the investigation of one better acquainted with the subject, than the author of this could profess to be ; but the following table of the succession of its fairs, arranged in the order of the year, may not be deemed unworthy of insertion.

Carrickmines, . . . . .	12th January.
Tallow, . . . . .	1st Tuesday in March.
Swords, . . . . .	17th March.
Carrickmines (two days), .	14th and 15th April.
Skerries, . . . . .	28th Do.
Balbriggan, . . . . .	29th Do.
Bray, . . . . .	1st May.
Rush, . . . . .	1st Do.
Lusk, . . . . .	4th Do.
Garristown, . . . . .	5th Do.
Balrothery, . . . . .	6th Do.
Newcastle, . . . . .	9th Do.
Swords, . . . . .	9th Do.
Kilsallaghan, . . . . .	Ascension Thursday.
Fieldstown, . . . . .	Whit-Monday.
Carrickmines, . . . . .	24th June.
Saggard, . . . . .	1st Thursday after Tri- nity Sunday.
Tallagh, . . . . .	7th July.
Rathfarnham, . . . . .	10th Do.
Swords, . . . . .	12th Do.
Lusk, . . . . .	13th Do.
St. Margaret's, . . . . .	30th Do.
Skerries, . . . . .	10th August.
Balrothery, . . . . .	12th Do.

Garristown, . . . . .	15th August.
Palmerstown, . . . . .	21st Do.
Ballymore Eustace, . . . . .	26th Do.
Donnybrook, . . . . .	26th Do.
Kilsallaghan, . . . . .	8th Do.
Swords, . . . . .	10th Do.
Balbriggan, . . . . .	29th Do.
Rush, . . . . .	29th Do.
Bray, . . . . .	20th September.
Newcastle, . . . . .	8th October.
Rathmichael, . . . . .	10th Do.
Saggard, . . . . .	10th Do.
Carrickmines (two days), . . . . .	14th and 15th Do.
Ballymore Eustace, . . . . .	29th Do.
Garristown, . . . . .	1st November.
Swords, . . . . .	5th Do.
Saggard, . . . . .	8th Do.
Tallagh, . . . . .	9th Do.
Lusk, . . . . .	25th Do.

Mr. Arthur Younge, in 1779, fixed the average acreable rent in this county at £1 11s. 6d. making thereby the annual rental of the whole, according to his estimate of acres, £194,959. Double that total might perhaps now be more correctly set down as such rental, while the wages of the labourer varies from five to nine shillings per week. As both these subjects, however, formed substantive objects of local inquiry for this work, the reader will be able to draw his own conclusions from subsequent details.

The various antiquities, which have been suffered

to survive cover the face of the county, as churches, abbeys, castles, round towers, raths, cromlechs, crosses, &c., are referred to the localities where they occur ; and it here but remains to detail such records, as are not peculiarly applicable to any of these localities, but more or less co-extensive with the county at large.

In the historic notices of this portion of Ireland, it is not intended to wander back to those dim periods when the merchants of Phœnicia and of Greece, passing through the Straits of Gades, braved the waters of a troubled ocean to traffic with the "sacred isle;" not that the intercourse, in its highest antiquity, is discredited by the author of these pages, who has already, in his *Essay on Ancient Ireland*, published in the Sixteenth Volume of the *Transactions of the Royal Irish Academy*, solemnly certified his allegiance to the opinion ; but, in truth, the fanaticism of modern charlatans and the lunacy of etymologists make even those most cherished retrospects unwelcome and unaccredited.

The earliest accurate notice here cited, and that obviously designates this district, is happily to be found in a source with which no scepticism in Irish antiquity can cavil, the not more elegant than faithful and instructive pages of Tacitus. It occurs in his "*Life of Agricola*," whose observing eye, as he testifies, did not overlook the political phasis of this "little isle of the ocean."

"Agricola," says the justly honoured historian, "passing over in the first ship, subdued in frequent victories nations hitherto unknown, and stationed troops along that part of Britain which looks to Ireland, more in hope than fear, since Ireland, from its situation between Britain and Spain, and opening to the Gallic sea, might well connect the most powerful parts of the empire with reciprocal advantages. Its extent, compared with Britain, is narrower, but exceeds that of any islands of our sea ; the soil and climate, as well as the genius and habits of the people, do not much differ from those of Britain. Its channels and harbours are better known to commerce and to merchants. Agricola gave his protection to one of its petty kings, who had been expelled by faction, and, with an affectation of friendship, retained him for his

own purposes. I often heard him say that Ireland could be conquered and held with one legion and a small reserve, and such a measure would have its advantage even as regards Britain, "if Roman power were extended on every side, and liberty taken away, as it were, from the view of the latter island."

Here then in the zenith of that power, and even by Agricola himself, Ireland was regarded with a deep and cautious policy, as the depot where the imperial resources might be best employed, and by whose possession, the chains not only of Britain, but likewise of Spain and Gaul, might be most effectually riveted. Here, in the hope of realizing a wily speculation of its conquest, that very Agricola is discovered, with an assumed friendliness, alike injurious to his own honour and that of Rome, welcoming to his camp one of the petty princes of that country, whom domestic seditions had expatriated, insinuating himself into the confidence of this Themistocles of the west, questioning him as to the resources of the envied island, whose coasts and harbours he knew were the resorts of merchants, yet assured by his informant, with a cunning suited to his purpose, and which possibly might have been warranted by a similar state of faction and disunion to that which crowned Strongbow's incursion with success, that Ireland could be conquered with a single legion; while the fears of that great commander are betrayed, lest the liberty, which was then enjoyed in that country, as it were in the very view of Britain, might prejudice the Roman tyranny in England, until, coerced by these apprehensions, though unwilling to confess them, he studiously fortified with peculiar strength, and garrisoned with his choicest forces, that part of Britain that looked to this important quarter.

It is a flattering, a classical tribute to the nation, but neither should the reproach of the record be overlooked;—the remote prescription of disunion which it sadly testifies. Would that Irishmen, so long divided, could be taught the mutual errors that even from that distant period continued to estrange them, that threw them at the feet of every adventurer, who was encouraged to their subjugation, distracted them from the enjoyment and diffusion of those social and political blessings which a gifted country and a fine people should otherwise have insured; and that

still, as by some provoked dispensation of Providence, leaves them "in thick darkness, even darkness which may be felt," while the children of the rest of the world have "light in their dwellings."

The justice of Agricola's apprehensions, and the prudence of his policy, were fated to be evinced in a few ages after himself had quit the scene, and it was from this very district that the Irish chieftain Crimthan, mentioned hereafter at "Howth," is said to have led those hardy bands of Scots, (for Ireland was the only country then called Scotia, and its people Scots,) whose efforts reduced the Britons and British Romans to the verge of destruction and annihilation, as recorded by Ammianus Marcellinus; Claudian, Gildas, Zosimus; and Bede.

Nevertheless, the country of their successful opponents continued, throughout this interval, utterly unknown to the Romans, and it was only from the Phœnicians, those merchants to whom the notices of Tacitus refers, that Ptolemy was enabled to give to the world the accounts of the situation and circumstances of Ireland, which he published in his Geography at the close of the second century. He therein not only described, but delineated, the shores, lakes, rivers, promontories, hills, and cities of Ireland; with an accuracy which himself attributes to the discoveries consequent upon the Phœnician commerce thither, and especially to the information he received from Marinus of Tyre; and his longitudes and latitudes, names and descriptions of Irish places, are accordingly more pure and correct than those of Strabo, or any other Roman writer.

In reference to the district now defined as the county of Dublin, this eminent geographer places the Eblani north of a river, between the Oveca and the Boyne (Buvinda), on which the metropolis, Eblana, is marked as situated; while at its southern side, and thence to the sea, the Cauçi are allocated, a tribe whom Ware and others consider of German extraction. The native authorities, as collected in the Book of Lecan, state in reference to the same period, that the maritime part of this county north of the Liffey, was anciently called Alman, and its inhabitants the *Almanii*, while the southern portion of the county is, by the same authorities, assigned to the *Atadii*.

The Roman map of Ireland did, however, at length appear in the fifth century, for to this period Richard of Cirencester attributes that which he discovered in Italy, transcribed, as he says, "*ex fragmentis quibusdam a Duce quodam Romano consignatis et posteritati relictis.*" But even it, at such an advanced era, is by no means so accurate as Ptolemy's, although very valuable as an evidence of Roman ideas of Ireland. This, too, marks the Cauci as inhabiting the southern part of the county.

Some few centuries after the establishment of Christianity in Ireland in the fifth century, those districts of the country, known by the name of Croceæ or Crosslands, were dedicated to the church, and most extensive jurisdiction was given to the abbots and bishops therein. Such were the Croceæ of Ulster, Kilkenny, Meath, Kildare, Louth, Kerry, Navan, Ferns, Carlow, Wexford, Leighlin, &c., and such, more particularly as concerns this history, were the Croceæ or liberties of the cross of the Archbishop of Dublin: and, as in England, the symbol of triumphant Christianity was frequently set up to mark the boundaries of civil districts, so in Ireland, but with more propriety, crosses, some of them very handsomely ornamented, were erected to distinguish the ecclesiastical possessions.

The cross lands of Dublin appear to have been partly in the northern, and partly in the southern sections of the county, and indeed the names of two of its baronies, so respectively situated, Nether-Cross, and Upper-Cross, although not of course precisely commensurate with the ancient croceæ,\* do still designate large portions of their superficies, and exhibit, in the scattered and insulated state of their component parts, the natural consequence of uniting in one civil division tracts so adventitiously appropriated. The Northern Croceæ retain some of the actual crosses as at St. Doulogh's and Finglas, while another, called pardon cross, is particularly recorded as having been erected at Swords. Clondalkin, Tullagh, St. Anne's, the Kill of the Grange, Kiltuc, and Rath-

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\* For example, Holmpatrick, Lambay, and Ireland's Eye, were in the Northern Croceæ, though the first is now accounted in Balrothery, the two last in Coolock Barony; and Tawney, now classed in Rathdown, was then in the Southern Croceæ.



Michael by similar emblems seem to demarcate somewhat of the extent of the Southern Crocea.

Crosses were in truth the first objects to which it was sought, by various inducements and associations, to attach the reverence of the people, and were multiplied according to the facility of collecting Christian congregations. As they demonstrated ecclesiastical retreats and possessions, so did they also assert the dignity of ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and, when the guilty fugitive placed himself within the circle of their authority, and sat down in sin and sorrow beneath their shadow, municipal punishment and private revenge were alike disarmed. Such was the cross alluded to as having stood near the archiepiscopal palace at Swords, and which retained in the latest notice of its existence the epithet of "pardon cross;" such also appear to have been those two remarkable specimens still visible in Tullagh, as hereafter mentioned at that locality. The sanctuaries, it may be observed, extended south, east, and west of the adjacent churches, and accordingly, even to this day, popular superstition particularly points to these directions, and never in any variation selects the unhallowed north for interments. Crosses were likewise set up in market places to induce the attention of assembled worldlings to religious reflections, and check the violators of temperance, honesty, and social order, by the presence of that awful symbol of the Redeemer's sufferings.

During the two centuries and a half of tyranny and military despotism, in which the Danes and Norwegians were permitted to crush the spirit of Ireland, the vicinity of Dublin suffered in a particular degree by their harassing incursions, and even when their general authority as a dominant nation was broken down at the memorable battle of Clontarf, this county was especially exposed to their predatory and revengeful assaults. Of these latter, the most remarkable occurred in the year 1070, when Godred Crovan, a general under Harold Hardrada, King of Norway, having fled from England on the defeat and death of his royal master at Stamford Bridge, after some months' sojourn in the Hebrides, collected such a body of adherents as enabled him to possess himself at first of the Isle of Man, and subsequently (according to the *Chronicon Manniæ*) of Dublin and the adjacent country.

In the ensuing century, immediately after the successful invasion of the Earl of Clare, those, his followers, who, by royal license, were suffered to carve out with their swords the future inheritance of their posterity, eagerly contended for the allocation of that inheritance in the vicinity of the metropolis of Ireland; and when, subsequently, King Henry the Second held his court in the village of Hogges, which, though now a populous street in the heart of the city, still retains the rural name of College-Green, the claims of his favourites for subinfeudations in this district, under the paramount Lord de Lacy, were urged with all the zeal and importunity which the selection merited.

There, with royal munificence the monarch confirmed the grants of Strongbow, adding new donations and endowments with a liberality that laid the foundations of the greatest families and religious houses in the county. There, while he sojourned, the native chieftains gladly crowded into the pageantries that surrounded him, the rights and wrongs of a nation were forgotten in the splendours of his court, and the sterner qualities of the Irish warriors melted away in the diffusion of social intercourse and friendly communication. To them, strangers as they were to the grandeur of feudal life, every thing were an air of magnificent novelty; the pastimes and revelries, masking, mumming and strange shows, the "instruments of sound," the tilt and tournament, the gorgeous ornaments, the tables replenished with such varieties of viands, the wines and spices, the array of all the officers, the gentlemen, esquires, knights, and barons, in their rich attire, glittering through the precincts of the court, or careering over the field with their horses barbed and mailed, the king himself in all the attractions of condescension, and more than wonted pomp, all contributed to beguile and delude the simple spectators, they yielded to the spell of sumptuous indolence, and the strong man was lulled in the lap of luxury.

The years that immediately succeeded carry a deep but melancholy interest; feudal principles and passions were introduced into the country, not with the magnificence and chivalry that are their usual associates, but debased by the wants and necessities with which they were mixed up, and stimulated into riotous desolation by the impunity with which they might be exercised in this

then comparatively remote country. The epochs of history became beacons of guilt and oppression, and, like the crosses that meet the traveller in southern climates, but point where guilt had done its work. The country, as far as it was precariously subjected to foreign power, was cantoned among adventurers, whose direct interest it was to exterminate and debase the old inhabitants. Strong to oppress, but feeble to govern, they persuaded the King of England that it was unfit to communicate the laws of that country to their victims in this, that it was the best policy to hold them as aliens and enemies, and to prosecute them with a continual war. The historian of the Crusades remarks, that Ireland was by Henry the Second connected with England, "*sous le titre d'esclave, plutot que de sujette.*" Indeed, it would seem as if nothing but the necessity of using the Irish as slaves and villeins prevented their utter extirpation, until at length, as Sir John Davis remarks, "these large scopes of land and great liberties, with the absolute power to make war and peace, did raise the English lords to that height of pride and ambition as that they could not endure one another."\*

Thus, as well among the English adventurers as the Irish natives, faction and civil war had shed their baneful seeds in a soil unhappily too apt for such a harvest; feuds and rebellions sprang up luxuriantly in every province, the march of civilization was interrupted, and even the scanty streams of justice, which the better policy of government might from time to time have permitted to flow, were clogged or corrupted in their gloomy channels.

Happily the times are come, when such scenes are but of retrospect, the rising generation can recall them with the feelings of the crew who had worked through the rocks and survived the storm. The tossing of the waves may yet be visible even in their wake, but the prospect is clearing, and Religion, surrounded once again with all her Christian charities, like the Spirit of God, is moving over the face of the waters.

It is confidently asserted, and does not seem improbable, that in consequence, and as an exposition of the grants of Henry the

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\* Davis's Historical Relations, p. 64.

Second, a rude survey of Ireland was commenced ; and, on its completion, under the direction of King John, was, as it is said, deposited in the Abbey of Graignemanagh. It was not, however, until the year 1210, that the latter monarch erected this district into a county ; about which time he granted to its commonalty, and to that of the county Meath, the remarkable privilege of common of turbary on the great bogs of Garristown and Balrothery, as more particularly noted hereafter. From that period, the county of Dublin always continued to be within the English Pale, of which, in truth, it long constituted the greater portion. Its new character, however, did not extinguish the rights of the Crocæ ; their bounds, privileges, and jurisdictions, were not suffered to merge in the civil division, and so absolutely was their separation recognized, that even sheriffs were appointed for their government, distinct from that of the surrounding portions of the county.

In 1253, Prince Edward, the son of the English monarch, on being married to the Infanta of Spain, was invested by his father with the sovereignty of all that part of Ireland then under English dominion. This county, however, was, with that of Limerick, and certain chief towns, excepted from the grant, while a remarkable proviso was added, that the territories so conceded should never be separated from the crown, but remain for ever to the kings of England. The lands which were claimed or possessed by the king's subjects in Ireland, were, thereupon, called the lands of Lord Edward, and all writs ran in that prince's name.

In 1297, an ordinance of Parliament was passed, whereby, reciting that the county of Dublin was too much disordered and confused, and the parts of it too remote and scattered from each other, to wit, into Ulster and Meath, and afterwards into Leinster and the Vale of Dublin, &c., by which means it was less competently serviceable to the king in the execution of his precepts and those of his courts, and also, his subjects were thereby not so sufficiently ruled without a governor ; it was therefore agreed, that for the time to come, there should be appointed a sheriff in Ulster, as well of its cross lands, as to make executions in the liberty of Ulster, when defect was found in the seneschal of that liberty, and that the sheriff of Dublin should not thereafter inter-

meddle in Ulster; and it was also thereby agreed, that Meath should be a county of itself, as also Kildare, and each freed from the jurisdiction of the sheriff of Dublin.\* Measures were likewise then taken for ascertaining the limits and bounds of each county respectively.

Hence it appears what alterations time had already made in the counties established by King John in 1210, for, though that prince had, amongst others, constituted as well the counties of Kildare and Meath, as Dublin, yet, before the passing this ordinance, it is manifest that the sheriff of the county of Dublin exercised his jurisdiction within both the others, as he did within some part of Ulster; a circumstance which probably originated in the latter having been cantoned into palatinates, and governed by seneschals of the lords palatine, who executed their powers so loosely within their several jurisdictions, that the government, who had the superintendence of the whole, found it often necessary to interpose, and, by consent of the lords palatine, or by acts of parliament now lost, to enlarge the jurisdiction of the county of Dublin, and extend it into those parts where its sheriff had not originally any control. The example, thus legalized, was subsequently of frequent adoption, and the jurisdictions of sheriffs appointed within the Pale, were enlarged or diminished as the extent of the English territory prevailed or declined.

In 1300, at a parliament held in Dublin before Sir John Wogan, the commonalty of this county were assessed for the service of the state to the amount of £100, with a special exemption, however, of the cross lands, and the tenants of the clergy.

In 1310, by writ, reciting that the said commonalty complained of being prejudiced by pleas held according to the custom and law of England, otherwise than according to the custom and law of Ireland, Walter Cusack and his associates, Justices in Eyre of the county, were directed to hold and decide all pleas in Eyre, and of the bench, according to the law and custom of Ireland.†

In 1347 the king appointed Robert Lawless and others guardians of the peace herein, with powers to assess and array its mili-

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\* Ware's Antiquities of Ireland, p. 36.

† Rot. Pat. in canc. Hib.

tary force as required, and to proceed to its marches to resist the hostility and invasion of the Irish.\* Many similar appointments occur on the Rolls not necessary to detail.

In 1356 William de Barton had a liberate, or money order on the treasury, for fortifying certain places on the marches of Dublin against the O'Byrnes, and for furnishing food and provender to the garrisons.† William de Carron was at this time appointed purveyor in this county, and in those of Kildare and Meath, for the army of the Lord Justice while warring against the Irish enemies of Leinster.‡ And in the same year the king commanded the guardians of the peace and coroners to convene twenty-four of the "probiore" at an early day, one of whom said guardians, coroners and "probiore" were directed to elect as sheriff. This mode of popular nomination had been abolished in England forty years previously by the Act 9 Edw. II. St. 2.

In 1359 Peter de Okebourn was appointed to purvey hake, ("allecia,") and other kinds of fish, wherever they could be found in this county, for the use of the Lord Deputy's household, paying the reasonable value thereof.§

In 1373, on the occasion of convening the great council to be held in Dublin, the sheriff of this division was directed to summon

Thomas Talbot Knight,	John de la Field,
Nicholas Howth,	Michael Darcy,
Reginald Talbot,	John Cruise,
John Talbot, of Malahide,	Laurence Woodlock,
Robert White, of Killester,	Roger Uriel,
&c.	&c.

In 1374 this county returned its earliest recorded representatives on the elective principle; and in 1376, on the occasion of the memorable parliament which Edward the Third convened to attend him "wheresoever he should be in England;" and to which he required the sheriffs of the Irish counties to cause their respective representatives to be sent, the return of the precept from this stated that Nicholas Howth, i. e. St. Laurence, and Richard

\* Rot. Pat. in canc. Hib.

† Rot. Claus. in canc. Hib.

‡ Rot. Claus. in canc. Hib.

§ Rot. Pat. in canc. Hib.

White had been duly elected to attend his majesty, as required by his writ, with full power to treat and counsel before him on the state and government of Ireland; but that the electors protested against thereby giving any power to said Nicholas and Richard to impose any burdens or taxes upon the Commons of Dublin; and that said representatives elect had accordingly pledged themselves to their constituents, that they should not vote for any such impositions.\* In the same year, by writ, reciting that the king's liege subjects of Youghal had been devastated by the Roches and Clangibbons, they were permitted to carry three ship-loads of corn from any harbour in this county, or in those of Meath or Louth, for their relief.†

In 1383 Richard Talbot, Nicholas Howth, William Fitzwilliam, Thomas Marward, John Cruise, Reginald Talbot and Richard Notterville, were appointed Guardians of the Peace in this county.‡

In 1386 Robert de Vere, Earl of Oxford, the favourite of Richard the Second, was created Marquis of Dublin; and by the same patent, his weak-minded sovereign granted to him and his heirs the entire dominion of Ireland, to be held of the crown by liege homage. Those lands and cities formerly reserved to the crown, and those hereditary in the nobles and barons of Ireland, were indeed excepted; and the Earl was bound, "as soon as he should complete the conquest of the kingdom," to pay into the English exchequer annually, during his life, the sum of 5000 marks. In every other particular he had the entire government and dominion of the kingdom, was invested with all the lands he should gain by his arms, and empowered to appoint all officers of state and justice, who were to act in his name, and by his authority. The English parliament, possibly not displeased that this lord should be employed at a distance from the king, did not hesitate to sanction even this important grant; and in furtherance of

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\* This was not the first instance of such a convention. In 1315, Edward the Second commanded Richard de Burgo, and other Nobles of Ireland, to be at Westminster on the octave of the ensuing Hilary, there to treat with the peers of England on the state of this country.

† Rot. in can. Hib.

‡ Ibid.

his dominion in the island, 500 men at arms and 1000 archers were equipped for two years' service towards its conquest, while his own officers of state and council were at the same time employed upon the spot in making the best provision for the object, which an exhausted treasury and a distracted government could permit. The Marquis proceeded in a stately progress almost to the shores of the Irish Sea, accompanied by his royal patron; but, at the crisis of separation, King Richard felt unable to bear the privation, and, recalling his favourite to London, the management of Ireland was committed to his deputies.

By a subsequent patent De Vere was created Duke of Ireland, with a new settlement of its sovereignty. This title, however, it did not seem politic to assume, and the acts of the favourite in this kingdom were still issued in the name of the Marquis of Dublin. In that authority his deputies were appointed, and their salaries and retinues assigned with the assent of his council; and by that title he renewed treaties with the Irish chiefs, and addressed letters to several lords of the English soil, forbidding them at their peril to maintain any private feuds or dissensions, and commanding them to unite in the general defence against all malefactors, whether English or Irish.

But this parade of sovereignty was short-lived. The princes of the blood and the chief nobility of England confederated against the king, and exacted a commission of the whole royal authority to fourteen lords. The judges in vain essayed to pronounce this delegation illegal; the lords took up arms to support it; and the judges were condemned to die for their extra-judicial opinion; but as a favour and indulgence, some were banished with other enemies of the triumphant faction into Ireland. The Marquis of Dublin, after ineffectual efforts to rescue his royal master, was defeated by the Earl of Derby, and driven into the low countries; whereupon the king was compelled to notify to his Irish ministers, in 1388, that the late Marquis of Dublin had forfeited all his grants; that no acts of state were for the future to be executed under his signet; but that the King's great seal was to be reassumed, and the whole administration of government conducted exclusively under his name and authority.



In 1399, the Commonalty of the County of Dublin having elected Thomas Mareward for their sheriff, the king ratified the appointment during pleasure.\*

In 1402 Henry the Fourth renewed the commission of Thomas Mareward as Sheriff of Dublin; and appointed John Owen and Robert Tyrrell to assess the military service, and array the men at arms of the county and the cross-lands, to lead them to the marches, when and where necessary; as also to levy "smok-silver," a species of hearth money tax, for the expenses of watch and ward in said county.† In the following year a similar authority empowered Alexander Taylor, of Swords, John White, of Parnellstown, and Richard Barret, of Finglas, to collect twenty marks, which the Commonalty of the cross lands of Dublin had granted as a subsidy for the support of 240 foot soldiers, for three months.‡

In 1403 the King appointed Thomas Plunket and others to superintend the collection of a subsidy, granted by the clergy of the dioceses of Armagh, Dublin, and Meath, the chapters of St. Patrick and the Holy Trinity, and the Commonalty of the Crosses of this county;§ and in the following year he assigned Sir John Cruise, Christopher Hollywood, Thomas Sergeant, Thomas Howth, Robert White, and John Owen, to convene the "Magnates," "Proceres," and Commonalty of this county, as they might deem necessary.||

In 1408 Walter Tyrrel, Sheriff, Robert Tyrrel, and Henry Fitzwilliam, were, by royal mandate, directed to levy "smok-silver" over this county;¶ and in the same year the sheriff thereof was ordered to institute inquiry as to all who exported corn or fish from Ireland, without license.\*\*

In 1414 the King appointed Matthew Lopping and Thomas Hall, Esquires, to ascertain on oath the chattels of felons fled and outlawed within this county, and the crosses of the same.†† In the same year John Saundre and John Hanley were appointed guardians of its harbours, with the customary fees; while Thomas Talbot and other justices were directed to inquire, on oath, as to certain offences committed in the county and the crosses thereof,

\* Rot. in canc. Hib.    † Ib.    ‡ Ib.    § Ib.    || Ib.    ¶ Ib.  
 \*\* Ib.    †† Ib.

as well in the times of Edward the Third, Richard the Second, and Henry the Fourth, as of the then King.\*

In 1417 a very remarkable memorial issued hence in behalf of Lord Furnival, who was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in the first year of the reign of Henry the Fifth. He was the Sir John Talbot, of Hallamshire, afterwards Earl of Shrewsbury, so conspicuous as a warrior in the reign of Henry the Sixth, and received the title of Lord Furnival by courtesy, in respect of his wife.

“For so much,” (states the document) “as the honourable Lord the Lord of Furnival, your faithful subject and Lieutenant of this your land of Ireland, was purposed to depart from your land, and to repair to your high presence to sue for his payment, which to him is behind, for the safe keeping of this your land, and we, considering the great destruction and disease which hath come unto this land by his last absence from us, and eschewing greater that may come, and are likely to fall upon the same, if he should be absent at this present time, we have requested him on the behalf of you, our Sovereign Lord, and have supplicated unto him in our own behalfs, to appear here, and not to depart, for the safety of this your land, and of your faithful lieges in the same, and we to write for him to your gracious person for his recommendations for the great charges, labours, and travels by him had and sustained in these parts.

“First, your said Lieutenant, taking unto him the advice of your council on this side, and of other Lords Temporal, Knights, Esquires, and other good Commoners, made many great journies and hostings upon one of the strongest Irish enemies of Leinster, called O'More of Leix, a great chieftain of this nation, by being in his country twice, which was not done before in our time, and taking his chief place and goods, burning, foraging, and destroying all his country, his corn, and his other goods, and burning and breaking certain of his castles called the Castle of Colyndragh, and the Castle of Shenneigh (Shean), and rescuing

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\* Rot. in conc. Hib.

divers English prisoners there being, without paying ransom, and wounding and killing a great multitude of his people, and made such war upon him that he was forced against his will to make petition to have your peace by indenture, and to put his son in pledge into the hands of your said Lieutenant, to keep the peace safely, and to amend that wherein he had offended against your faithful subjects, and moreover to serve and travel with your said Lieutenant, upon his warning, against all Irish enemies and English rebels, at his commandment, so that by means thereof the said O'More came with two battalions, one foot and one horse, to serve upon a strong enemy, and a chieftain of his nation called Mac Mahon, a distance of forty leagues from the parts of Leix, and he being with the same your Lieutenant, and under his safe conduct, and in aid of him in the aforesaid country of Leix, two other great chieftains of their nations of Leinster, with their people, that is to say, O'Bryen and O'Railly, overthrown in war, do continue petitions to enjoy your peace.

“And also he rode against Mac Mahon, a great Irish enemy, and a powerful chieftain of his nation, in the parts of Ulster adjoining unto the county of Louth, and him did strongly invade long time by divers laborious hostings and journeys, some on foot by sixteen leagues, and burnt and destroyed one of his chief places, with all his towns and corn about, and wounded and killed a great multitude of his people, until he must of force yield himself to your peace, and deliver divers English prisoners without ransom, which he and his people have taken, and that he undertook to travel with the same your Lieutenant, against whatsoever enemy or rebel, upon his warning, in such sort that he sent Manus, his brother, with a great multitude of their people, to serve upon that said O'Conor, which is forty miles and more from their country. And also he rode against O'Hanlon, a great chieftain of his nation, and Irish enemy, in the same parts of Ulster, and warred so strongly upon him, that he was compelled by force to yield himself to your peace, and undertook to ride against all Irish enemies and English rebels, at his pleasure, in such sort that he did serve with three hundred men and more upon the aforesaid Mac Mahon, and after that disloyally rose up again in wars, and destroyed your faithful lieges, and presently your said Lieutenant thereupon or-

dered divers great journeys upon him in his country, where he burnt, foraged, and destroyed many thereof, and wounded and killed many of his people, and cut a great place through a long wood, in breadth of two leagues or more, through terror of which thing he daily made supplication to have peace, and put in his hostages for the safe keeping thereof. The great O'Neile pretending himself to be King of the Irish in Ulster, and O'Neile Buy, son to Mac Guinness, Mac Guire, O'Donnell, great and powerful chieftains of their nation, and divers other Irish enemies, hearing of the cutting of the same place, and of the damage and destruction done also to the said O'Hanlon, and doubting the like to be done to them by your Lieutenant, sent to him to have peace, and to do him service, and also to serve with him upon all other Irish enemies and English rebels.

“ And also he caused in many places every Irish enemy to serve upon the other, which thing hath not been seen by long time in these parts, until the coming of your Lieutenant aforesaid, and he hath accomplished divers other journeys and labours for the said relief and comfort of your faithful lieges on this side the sea; and in especially at the making hereof in repairing and mending of a bridge called the bridge of Athy, set in the fronture of the borders of the Irish enemies of Leix, for the safe keeping whereof he hath erected a new tower upon the same for a ward to put therewith a great fortification about the same for resistance of the said enemies, to the great comfort of the English, and great overthrow of the Irish enemies, by which bridge your faithful lieges were oftentimes preyed and killed: but now your said lieges both there and elsewhere may suffer their goods and chattels to remain in the fields day and night, without being stolen, or sustaining any other loss, which hath not been seen here by the space of these thirty years past, God be thanked, and your gracious provision.—And moreover, we beseech your gracious Lordship, to have your said Lieutenant especially recommended unto you for his great continual labours and costs which he hath borne and sustained about the deliverance of the Earl of Desmond, who was falsely and deceitfully taken and detained in prison by his uncle, to the great destruction of all the country of Munster, until now that he is gratuitously delivered by the good and gracious government of the same your Lieutenant.”

This singular picture of the state of Ireland, and the guilty misgovernment of those viceroys, who are most extolled, is preserved in the Lansdowne Manuscripts, and printed in the Second Series of Mr. Ellis's Letters (vol. i. p. 54, &c.) It is signed by the Bishop of Kildare, sundry abbots and priors, Thomas Lenfant, Baron of Ardee; Richard Nugent, Baron of Delvin; Matthew Hussey, Baron of Galtrim; Thomas Marward, Baron of Scrine; the mayor and bailiffs of the city of Dublin, and several other heads of corporations, the sheriff of Dublin, &c.; Robert Burnell, Robert White of Killester, Thomas Talbot of Malahide, Walter Plunket, Richard Talbot of Meath, William Fitzwilliam, Morris Walsh, Walter Harold, William Walsh, John Eustace, Edward Eustace, Richard Fitz Eustace, William White of the county Dublin, Thomas Cusack, Lucas Dowdall, &c. &c. &c.

In 1422 the council in Dublin directed that on account of "the notorious war, waged by the O'Tooles on the liege men of the counties of Dublin and Kildare, the same forces of men at arms and archers should be continued as theretofore, to oppose them, and the same subsidy raised."\*

In 1429, by writ, reciting that Sir John Sutton, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, had lately made a successful incursion on the O'Byrnes of the county Wicklow, at his own expense, for which the sheriff of this county and its crosses was ordered to provide 100 "carts" of victuals, 800 men with axes and bundles of wood, 100 men with "iron tools," and 200 with "caltrops;" together with victuals for six days, under certain penalties which had been incurred by his neglect in that behalf, all said penalties were by the king directed to be forthwith paid to the said Lord Lieutenant.\*

In 1431 his Majesty assigned Thomas Hanley and Thomas Bathe to take the prisage of wines to the king's use, in certain harbours within the counties of Dublin, Meath, and Louth.†

In 1465 it was enacted that every Irishman, dwelling betwixt or amongst Englishmen, in this county, as well as in those of Meath, Uriel, (Louth,) and Kildare, "shall go like to one Eng-

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Ibid.

lishman in apparel, and shaving of his beard above the mouth, and shall be within one year sworn the liege man of the king, and shall take to him an English surname of one town, as Sutton, Chester, Trim, Scrine, Cork, Kinsale; or colour, as white, black, brown; or art or science, as smith, or carpenter; or office, as cook, butler, &c., and that he and his issue shall use this name under pain of forfeiting his goods yearly."

In 1488, by an act of the parliament of Drogheda, the bounds of "the four obedient shires," constituting the Pale; (Dublin, Meath, Kildare, and Uriel or Louth,) were thus traced. "From Merrion, inclusive, to the water of the Dodder, by the new ditch to Saggard, Rathcoole, Kilhell, Rathmore, and Ballymore, &c. Thence to the county of Kildare, into Ballycutlan, Harristown, and Naas, and so thence to Clane, Kilboyne, and Kilcock, in such manner that the towns of Dalkey, Carrickbrennan, Newtown, Rochestown, Clonken, Smethistown, Ballyboteer, (Boosterstown), with Thorncastle, and Bullock, were in Dublin shire." From Kilcock the bounds appear to have run to the Rye water, thence by Ballyfeghin to the parish of Laracor, thence to Bellewstown, by the Boyne, "and so as the Blackwater runneth from Athboy, and so to Blackcawsey by Rathmore, to the hill of Lyde, and then to Muldahege and the parish of Tallen, and Donaghpatrick, Clongell, and so to Syddan, and so down to Maundevillestown, by West Ardee, and so to the water of Dundugan, and so as that water goeth to the sea."\*

In 1500 the king appointed Robert Burnell of Balgriffin, sheriff of this county, committing the custody thereof to his care.

A state paper of 1515 mentions that only half of the county of Dublin was then subject to the king's laws, and singularly adds, that all the common people of the said half, who exhibited such marks of allegiance, were, "for the most part, of Irish birth, of Irish habit, and of Irish language;" that the other half had neither justices nor sheriff. The document is eloquently indicative of the impolicy so long pursued in the government of this country, of denying, or dispensing with a niggard hand, those measures of

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\* Liber Niger.

justice, which the neighbouring, and what good taste would have styled, the sister island, so liberally enjoyed. Cimon is said to have levelled his fences that all might gather his fruit, but the English rulers of the Pale affected a diametrically contrary course. The benefit of English laws was extended only with English encroachments. The writ ran not beyond the road that the sword had hewn for its "transmission;" and Sir John Davis establishes without doubt, that this decided refusal of a general communication of rights was the true cause why Ireland was not brought into subjection for centuries. If William the Conqueror had so cast all the English natives out of his protection, and held them as aliens and enemies to the crown, the Normans might, perhaps, have spent as many troubled generations in the acquisition of England.

About the year 1520, the Earl of Surrey, then Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, acquainted the king with "the imminent dangers that were likely to ensue to the four shires, being under the king's obedience, (Dublin, Meath, Kildare, and Louth,) as well by reason of such confederacies as be made betwixt O'Neill and others, the Irish rebels, as also with the Scots being determined to enter that land this summer under the conducting of the Earl of Argyle, and to join with the said O'Neill and others, the king's disobedient subjects, for the destruction and final extermination of Englishry, which puissance, as he affirmeth, cannot be resisted with such small number as the said Lieutenant hath there."

In 1524, by indentures entered into on the appointment of the Earl of Kildare to the Lord Lieutenancy of Ireland, the said Earl "granted" that he should cause sheriffs, escheators, coroners, and other officers, to be made yearly in the shires of Dublin, Meath, Louth, &c., and cause justices of peace to be appointed within the same shires, or in as many of them as he might conveniently, and oblige them to keep quarter sessions yearly, and to hear and determine suits, with the accruing benefit of all fines and amerciaments.\*

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\* State Papers temp Hen. VIII. Part 3, p. 116.

In 1534 the Lord Deputy and Council were directed to take order, "that gaols for receiving and keeping of felons and other malefactors, be ordained within the counties of Dublin, Meath, Kildare, &c., in Leinster, and elsewhere as they may bring the same to purpose as well within franchises and liberties as otherwise. "Item, that in every of the said shires, and in the places aforesaid, and the marches of the same, there be quarter sessions kept, and the king's judges ride the circuit there twice by the year, as shall be appointed in the commission by the Deputy under the great seal. Item, that the Deputy do his best that the king's writs and process may be obeyed, as well in the marches of the counties of Dublin, Meath, and Uriel, (Louth), as in all other places aforesaid."\*

In 1536 the Lord Deputy and Council made a report to the king in the following terms. "Without doubt, the inhabitants of these your four shires of Dublin, Meath, Kildare, and Uriel, (Louth,) hath been so spoiled, oppressed, and robbed, as they be not of ability to give to your Grace any notable thing otherwise than they be charged already; yea, and though they had never sustained such damages, the circuit of the same, where, and in effect no where else, the revenues that you have being now competently, according to the time and place augmented, been levied, in comparison the residue is so small in compass and number of inhabitants, as if they should grant to your Highness the twentieth part of their yearly rents, the same should not amount to any such sum as should be to your Highness' contentacion in this behalf; and your Majesty, having the same of them only, should, as we think, be such a servitude and hindrance unto them, they also doing service in their proper persons to all journeys without wages, besides many other exceeding charges and impositions, as then they should be the less able to do the like in time coming.—Wherefore our advice shall be to your Grace, for to frame the Earl of Ossory and his son that your revenues may be levied in the shires of Kilkenny, Tipperary, Wexford, and Waterford likewise as they be here, wherein to the contrary they have no reasonable excuse, other than your subjects in these parts have; and they

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\* State P.p.rs, temp., Hen. VIII. Part 3, p. 210.



being conformable thereunto, as they must be, if it be your gracious pleasure the same may be levied there; and they then seeing the parties under their rule charged thereto, will the more willingly further the levying of your like revenues elsewhere, so as your Highness having the same levied but within the said eight or nine shires, together with the profits that may grow by the resumption of your customs and otherwise, shall amount to a good sum yearly; and, considering that now the season of the year approacheth wherein Englishmen cannot well travel to do service, that unless your Grace intend a further enterprise, we think five or six hundred of your army may be discharged out of wages of the worst of them, and your Deputy to choose out of the whole of the best the number that shall remain. And, percase, your Grace be in purpose to make a further reformation, as we think it be honourable, needful, and in the end profitable, at the least of these parts of Leinster betwixt Dublin and Waterford, which, as we think, might shortly be brought to a conformity and subjection if it were earnestly set to, it shall be good your Grace, resolving you thereupon, appoint after what sort the same shall proceed; for the execution whereof, we think it necessary and expedient that, considering the most part of this army hath been so noselled in robbery, disobedience, and other offences, and also, their horses for the most part consumed and spent, that others be appointed and sent hither in their steads, which shall be more meet to serve the purpose. Assuring your Highness, that having the said quarter between Dublin and Waterford reformed, your own subjects were able to resist the residue of the land without exhausting or disbursing of any part of your treasure from thence. So knoweth the blessed Trinity, who preserve your most royal estate in long life and prosperous health. From your City of Dublin, the 29th day of October. Your Highness' humble and most obedient subjects,

*Signed,*

Pour Leonard Gray.

J. Lord Trimleston, Chancellor.

George Dublin, "your Grace's  
Chaplain."

J. Rawson, Prior of Kilmainham.

William Brabazon.

Gerald Aylmer, Justice.

Thomas Luttrell, Justice.

Patrick Finglas, Baron.

John Allen, Mr. of the Rolls."

In 1537, Justice Luttrell thus earnestly represented the ruinous consequences of extorting coyne and livery in this county, and the Pale generally.—“Item, all lords and gentlemen and farmers, if they be horsemen of the four shires, (very few excepted,) that dwell without these limits hereafter mentioned, that is to say, from Dublin to Tallagh, and so by the mountain foot unto Oughterard, and thence unto St. Woolstans and to Leixlip, and thence to the barony of Dunboyne, Rathergan, and as the highway extendeth thence to Trim unto Athboy, and from Athboy to Ardraccan, and from Ardraccan to Slane, and from Slane to Mellifont and to Drogheda, and so as the sea extendeth to Dublin, taketh horse meat and man’s meat for their horsekeepers, and for all other horses and their keepers that resorteth to their houses, upon their poor farmers continually, which little precinct is not much above twenty miles in length nor in breadth : and yet, within the same precinct, many times both some lords and gentlemen setteth the charge of their horses and their keepers over their farmers.”\* —In the same year, Richard Savage was appointed Chief Serjeant of the baronies of the county of Dublin, and of the royal cantred of Newcastle, near Lyons.

In 1559, Christopher, the twentieth Lord of Howth, was joined in commision with Hugh, Archbishop of Dublin and Lord Chancellor, John Plunket, Esq., Chief Justice of the King’s Bench, James Bathe, Esq., Chief Baron of the Exchequer, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Richard Finglas, Sergeant at Law, James Barnewall, Attorney General, William Talbot, of Malahide, Esq., Christopher Barnewall, of Gracedieu, Esq., James Stanihurst, Recorder, the Sheriff of the county of Dublin, &c., for mustering the military force of this county.—In the following year, Baron Finglas and Thomas Fitz Williams were its representatives in a parliament, to which only those of ten counties were summoned ; the rest of the assembly, to the number of seventy-six, having been citizens and burgesses of the towns in which the royal authority was predominant ; and in this parliament the Act of Uniformity was passed.

In 1561, the Archbishop of Dublin, and the Deans of his two

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\* State Papers, temp. Hen. VIII. p. 504.

cathedrals, were appointed with others to array the militia of this county, during the absence of the viceroy, the Earl of Sussex, who was at that time engaged in the North against O'Neill. And in 1563, Lord Howth was, during the absence of the Lord Lieutenant, who had marched into Ulster against Shane O'Neill, again joined in a commission for the civil government of the city and county of Dublin, the confines and marches thereof, as well within liberties as without, with power to pursue all rebels with fire and sword, and all who should attempt any mischief against the Queen's subjects within the English Pale.

A manuscript of the same century, yet extant, defines this county as extending in length from Balrothery to Arklow, "a principal Castle of the Earl of Ormond," including all the King's lands, the mountains of the O'Byrnes, O'Tooles, and Rainilough, called Pheagh Mac Hugh's country, also Shilough Ferderough, and the rest of the country which is the Liberty of the Archbishop of Dublin, also the islands of Lambay, "the Eye," and Dalkey. It enumerates the gentry of English descent therein, as,

The Archbishop of Dublin.

St. Lawrence, Lord of Howth.

Sir Patrick Barnewall, of Turvey.

Sir Thomas Fitz Williams.

William Bathe, junior.

Richard Netterville.

Allen of Palmerstown.

Christopher Seagrave.

Sergeant Fitz Simons.

Henry Burnell.

Finglas of Walmestown.

Barnewalls of Dunbro.

John Walsh, of Shanganagh.

Talbots of { Malahide.  
Belgard.  
Templeogue.  
Fassaroe.

— Walsh, of Carrickmain.

Sir Henry Harrington.

Jacques Wingfield.

Sir William Collier.

The Dean of St. Patrick's.

Gouldings.

Luttrels.

Delahoydes, and

Archbolds.

"The mere Irish," are thus stated,

O'Byrnes, O'Tooles, Pheagh Mac Hugh.

"Most part of the Irish," it adds, "are worn away, their heads being removed, so as they now run wandering and straying about the country in companies, having no certain abode."

This curious record enumerates the following as "walled and good towns:" Dublin, Swords, Balrothery, Howth, Newcastle, Bray, Clondalkin, Wicklow, Fieldstown, and Ballymore. And the following as castles and garrisons: Dublin, Wicklow, Newcastle, Howth, Arklow, Douore, Monkstown, Holmpatrick, the Wards, Belgard, Castleknock, Malahide, Dunbro, and Balgriffin. It may be here remarked, that by a statute of the thirty-sixth year of Henry the Sixth, (1458,) reciting that divers towns and villages in Ireland, on the highways, were made waste by the robbery of thieves in the night by default of enclosure, stopping, and ditching, it was enacted, "that every inhabitant thereof might stop, ditch, and enclose the said towns and villages in the strongest manner that they could, so as there should be a competent and sufficient highway left and made for carts and carriages through or near the said towns or villages, so that people might not be interrupted in their passage from market to market, nor that the highways be not made far about, not above forty perches."

During the latter part of the reign of Elizabeth, a fine of one shilling per week was levied on every person within this county, who absented himself from the Protestant worship.

In 1601, on occasion of the hosting for the Queen's service, the muster in the baronies of this county was as follows: Balrothery 26 archers, Coolock 30, Newcastle 18, Castleknock 11, and in Rathdown 10, besides 12 horsemen.

By a statute of 1634, (10 Chas. 1, Sess. 2, c. 24,) reciting that the trade of fishing for herrings, pilchards, and sean fish within the counties of Dublin, Wicklow, Wexford, Waterford, Cork, Kerry, Clare, Galway, Mayo, Sligo, and other counties within this realm, had of late time been very great and profitable as well to divers of the fishermen as other his Majesty's subjects, that for the necessary use of the taking of said fish, divers persons within the said counties called balkors, huors, condors, directors, or guidors, at the fishing time had used to watch on the high hills and grounds near adjoining to the sea coasts, to give notice to the fishermen when such fish came near the coast, and for guiding them on the sea coasts, and that divers persons, having lands adjoining these coasts, threatened to sue not only such balkors, huors, &c., but also the fishermen for breaking their closes and drawing their nets on their lands, so as to deter said

balkors, huors, &c. and fishermen; for remedy thereof and the maintenance of the said trade of fishing, such practices were declared lawful; and, if any suits so threatened should be brought, it was directed that the statute might be pleaded in defence with the consequential sanction of damages and costs.

In 1640, proclamations issued to restrain hawking and hunting within seven miles of the metropolis.

In November 1641, when the lords justices and council affected a shew of confidence in the gentry of the Pale, and gave commissions of martial law, they directed one for this county to Henry Talbot, and a commission of government for the same to Nicholas Barnewall. The latter warrant, after reciting that divers most disloyal and malignant persons within Ireland had traitorously conspired against his Majesty, his peace, crown, and dignity, and in execution of their conspiracy had made destruction and devastation of the persons and estates of divers his Majesty's good and loyal subjects, empowered the person so commissioned to levy within the prescribed county all forces, horse and foot, to resist, kill and slay, "as well by battle or otherwise," all traitors and their adherents according to his discretion, to proceed against them by martial law by hanging them, according as it had been accustomed in times of open rebellion, to waste and spoil their castles, &c. or otherwise to receive their submissions and give them forbearance, to parley with them and grant protections, &c. And all his Majesty's sheriffs, officers, &c. in the said county were thereby ordered to obey and be assisting in the premises.

The vicissitudes and changes of property that "followed hard upon" the civil war of this period, shall be fully detailed in the progress of the work, at the respective localities affected by its visitation. The total amount of profitable land forfeited on that occasion in this county alone, was returned by Sir William Petty as 67,142A. 2R. 26P., the unprofitable as 1,666A.; the commons lying between forfeited and unforfeited lands as 706A., and the glebe and church lands as 4,379A. In relation to these forfeitures it may be remarked, that the Down Survey, and the Books of Distribution of the confiscations in this district, have escaped the fire that so much impaired the maps of other parts of Ireland, and are preserved in a perfect state.

In June, 1654, Oliver Cromwell issued a writ to the sheriff of this county, as he did to some other Irish sheriffs, stating that a parliament was to be held at Westminster in the ensuing September, and commanding him to cause a fit person "to serve as knight, with his sword girt, for said county, so that the said knight may have full and sufficient power for himself and the people of that county, to do and consent unto those things which then and there by common council of the said commonwealth in parliament (by God's blessing) shall be ordained upon the weighty affairs aforesaid;" which writ was duly executed and returned in the August following, and Colonel John Hewson,\* of Luttrellstown, was elected accordingly. The indenture of certain freeholders, annexed to the return of the writ, after stating the election of Hewson, contains the curious proviso: "provided, and it is hereby declared, that the person so chosen shall not have power to alter the government as it is now settled in one single person and in a parliament."

There are in the state paper room council office, baronial returns made in 1656 to the Protector's council for the affairs of Ireland, specifying the Roman Catholic proprietors of land in this county. There is also its rental, taken in 1670, preserved in the vice treasurer's office. The difficulty, however, and expense of access to these and other public offices, completely precludes investigation for literary purposes, while possibly such records would be rather matter of legal and personal value, than suited for popular publication. The quantity of lands forfeited in this county in the civil war of 1688, was returned by the trustees as 34,536 acres, then valued at the annual rental of £16,061 6s. 0d., and the total value of £208,796 18s. 0d. The particulars of this transfer of property also shall be detailed at the localities affected, the maps and abstracts of which are likewise of record, and mostly in good order, but not certified.

There are some who would pronounce the publication of these forfeitures and attainders as futile, if not mischievous, as if their recital and specification could be supposed to invite and guide the landless heirs of the old proprietors in the summary prosecution of

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\* See of him, *post*, at "Luttrellstown."

less civil ejectments; while it might, with more probability, be apprehended, that unfriendly feelings would be thereby excited, and family feuds warmed into venomous resuscitation. The first grounds of objection were dismissed with little deference. Even if the heirs of the old proprietors could be now ascertained beyond the contention of kindred houses, they would be found commingled with the new in other relations of property and alliance,

“That could not—would not be undone;”

marriages, debts, devises, purchases and tenancies, settlements, mortgages, wills, conveyances and leases, operating over those estates for nearly two centuries in reference to the forfeitures of 1641, and nearly a century and an half in reference to those of 1688, have raised up such reactions of interest, such occupancies in the new superstructure, as it would be irrational to think its present possessors would combine for its dilapidation.

The latter objection is unhappily too well justified by the long continued factions that have grown out of these civil wars. An Englishman cannot conceive how private passions could be incited into deadly operation in the nineteenth century by the suggestion of those war-whoops that fired the young blood of the sixteenth. He would shrink from the maniac, who would seek to provoke him to hostility with his neighbour friend, because their long “sheeted ancestors” had been pitted in the wars of the Roses. The historian of Scottish events encounters political junctures, that in their time were equally productive of national disunion, but the Caledonian is no longer exasperated by their fullest details. They were the workings of a conflict gone by, and must be more old and obsolete than the cherished and harmonious associations of “auld lang syne.” The master spirit of their chronicles, he who has not left a line behind him that could reproach his memory, has fearlessly projected the most heart stirring conflicts of those feudal times, and his countrymen more than participate with the literary world in the chivalries of his narrative, and the classic interest he has shed over every scene he touched.

Unfortunately it has not been so hitherto in Ireland. When national conflicts subsided, family factions sprang from their ashes, and so, with more than phoenix perpetuity, have protracted their ex-

istence almost to the hours of yesterday. Even the name of religion was profanely advanced as a sanction for persecution : but the mask soon became the mould, and, to all but the wearer, exhibited with fiendish fidelity the lineaments it was intended to conceal. The political mirror has, however, at length been held up, and vice begins to see its own deformity.

Confident, therefore, that the feelings adverted to shall, before those pages issue from the press, be confined to a class of persons not likely to peruse them, suggestions of unwelcome contingencies have been overruled, in the paramount necessity of leaving unbroken what may be called the most important links in the pedigree of Irish property.

The gentry of the county at the close of the seventeenth century, as far as enumerated in the Act of Subsidies and Supplies, (10 Will. III. c. 3,) were, Sir Richard Bulckley, Sir Thomas Domville, Sir Arthur Cole, baronets ; Sir Walter Plunket, Sir William Domville, Sir John Coghill, knights ; Robert Molesworth, Henry Montgomery, Richard Foster, John Allen, Robert Echlin, Dixy Coddington, Agmondisham Vesey, Henry Cooley, Richard Bolton, John Smith, Robert Curtis, Philip Savage, Henry Echlin, Doctor Patrick Grattan, Thomas Keightley, Christian Bor, Marmaduke Coghill, James Grace, &c. &c.

The last century presents scarcely any event of interest peculiarly applicable to the county at large. It may, however, be mentioned, that in 1729 it gave birth to Hugh Hamilton, who became a fellow of Trinity College in 1751, was appointed Bishop of Clonfert in 1796, Bishop of Ossory in 1799, and was author of several works of divinity and natural philosophy.

In 1736, the number of Protestant families in the county was calculated as 1928, and the Roman Catholic as 6336, being in the proportion of nearly one to three.

In 1763 the first act of importance was passed, authorizing the peculiar assessment of this county, for the repairs of highways, &c., according to the ancient table by which it had from time immemorial been assessed to subsidies and other land taxes. The statute is the more worthy of notice here, as furnishing that scale of parochial, baronial, and acreable contents, which has hitherto been the only, but erroneous guide for statistical inquiry. A subsequent act, 26 Geo. III. c. 14, confirmed the provisions of



this, and the inequitable criterion, by which properties continued to be assessed, according to their ancient state, without due consideration of the changes that had taken place in the value, productiveness, actual contents, and parochial arrangement of the several denominations.

In 1777 an act of parliament was passed authorizing a commission of perambulation to ascertain the boundaries of the county, as distinguished from those of the city of Dublin, in places where the same were uncertain.

In 1785, Mr. Rogerson, of the county Carlow, directed by his will, that his estates should be sold, and after payment of certain legacies, that the rest of his property should be vested in the Incorporated Society for establishing Charter Schools in Ireland. Only so much, however, of his estates as was required to discharge his legacies was sold, and the Society obtained possession of the remainder, which were, in 1809, valued at £1770 per annum Irish, and, being situated respectively in the counties of Cork and Dublin, their rents were allocated accordingly, £780 per annum to the objects of that society in this county, and the residue to those in Cork.

In 1799 Prince Edward, the fourth son of his late Majesty King George the Third, was created Duke of Kent and Strathearne and Earl of Dublin.

At the commencement of the present century, according to Archer's Statistical Survey, there were in this county

49 corn mills,	6 cotton machines,
18 bleach mills,	2 gunpowder mills,
17 paper mills,	2 oil mills,
11 woollen machines,	2 tuck mills,
10 flour mills,	1 cloth mill, and
6 iron works,	19 mills for miscellaneous uses.

#### SUCCESSION OF THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF DUBLIN.

1376 Nicholas Howth and Richard White, Esquires.

1595 Baron Finglass and Thomas Fitzwilliams, Esquire.

1585 Richard Netterville and Henry Burnell, Esquires.

1613 Sir Christopher Plunket and Thomas Luttrell, of Luttrellstown, Esquire.

- 1639 Nicholas Barnewall, of Turvey, and Peter Barnewall, of Tyrenure, Esquires.
- 1654 (Cromwell's parliament.) Colonel John Hewson.
- 1661 Sir William Domville, Attorney General, and Sir William Usher.
- 1689 (King James's parliament.) Simon Luttrell, of Luttrellstown, and Patrick Sarsfield, jun. of Lucan, Esquires.
- 1692 John Allen and Chambre Brabazon, Esquires.
- 1695 Robert Molesworth and Edward Deane, Esquires.
- 1703 John Allen and Joseph Deane, Esquires.
- 1713 Right Honourable Chambre Brabazon, commonly called Lord Brabazon, and Joseph Deane, Esquire.
- 1715 Honourable Edward Brabazon and the Right Honourable John Allen.
- 1717 William Domville, Esquire, (on the Honourable Edward Brabazon becoming Earl of Meath,) and the Right Honourable John Allen.
- 1719 Honourable Edward Brabazon and Wm. Domville, Esquire.
- 1727 Honourable Edward Brabazon, and Sir Compton Domville, Bart.
- 1761 Right Honourable Sir Compton Domville, Bart., and Anthony Brabazon, Esquire.
- 1762 Right Honourable Sir Compton Domville, Bart., and the Honourable Henry Brabazon, commonly called Lord Brabazon.
- 1765 Right Honourable Sir Compton Domville, Bart., and the Honourable Anthony Brabazon, commonly called Lord Brabazon.
- 1767 Honourable Anthony Brabazon, commonly called Lord Brabazon, and Charles Domville, Esquire.
- 1769 Honourable Anthony Brabazon, commonly called Lord Brabazon, and Joseph Deane, Esquire.
- 1773 Joseph Deane and Luke Gardiner, Esquires.
- 1776 Luke Gardiner, Esquire, and Sir Edward Newenham, Knt.
- 1790 Right Honourable Luke Gardiner, and the Honourable William Brabazon; and on the latter becoming Earl of Meath, John Finlay, Esquire, was elected in his place.
- 1791 Sir Edward Newenham, Knt., and Richard Wogan Talbot, Esquire.

- 1792 Sir Edward Newenham, Knt., and John Finlay, Esquire.  
 1797 Hans Hamilton and Frederick John Faulkner, Esquires,  
     both of whom voted against the Union.  
 1807 Hans Hamilton and Richard Wogan Talbot, Esquires.  
 1824 Richard Wogan Talbot and Thomas White, Esquires.  
 1825 Richard Wogan Talbot and Henry White, Esquires.  
 1830 Lord Brabazon and Henry White, Esquire.  
 1833 Christopher Fitzsimon and George Evans, Esquires.

## SUCCESSION OF THE SHERIFFS OF THE COUNTY OF DUBLIN,

*(As far as ascertained.)*

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| 1302 John Woodlock.            | 1647 Henry Roulls.       |
| 1326 John Brett.               | 1653 John Hewson.        |
| 1336 Adam Talbot.              | 1661 John Baxter.        |
| 1356 Robert Cadell.            | 1663 Richard Barret.     |
| 1372 William Fitz William.     | 1665 Sir William Dixon.  |
| 1380 Reginald Talbot.          | 1668 Chidley Coote.      |
| 1381 Richard White.            | 1669 Nicholas Bolton.    |
| 1382 William Fitz William.     | 1670 Daniel Wybrants.    |
| 1388 Richard Talbot.           | 1671 John Eastwood.      |
| 1396 William Ardern.           | 1673 Robert Ball.        |
| 1403 Thomas Mareward.          | 1674 William Basil.      |
| 1406 John Fitz Maurice.        | 1675 William Williams.   |
| 1408 Walter Tyrrel.            | 1676 John Linegar.       |
| 1425 Sir Walter Tyrrel.        | 1677 Joseph Deane.       |
| 1427 Sir Robert Hollywood.     | 1678 James Springham.    |
| 1500 Robert Burnell.           | 1679 Edward Swan.        |
| 1545 ——— Toole.                | 1680 Thomas Stepney.     |
| 1560 Sir Christr. Barnewall.   | 1681 Robert Molesworth.  |
| 1600 Sir Christopher Plunket.  | 1682 Sir Phillips Coote. |
| 1613 Sir Thomas Williams, knt. | 1683 Daniel Reading.     |
| 1615 ——— Perrott.              | 1684 Sir R. Bellingham.  |
| 1634 William Sarsfield.        | 1685 Thomas Crowe.       |
| 1639 Philip Hore.              | 1686 Henry Fernley.      |
| 1642 Thomas Bennett.           | 1687 Thomas Warren.      |
| 1643 William Ball.             | 1688 John Stanley.       |

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| 1689 Thomas Warren.   | 1722 Thomas Grace.                                 |
| 1690 Richard Forster, July 10,<br>by K. William, in the camp<br>at Crumlin. | 1723 Edward Bolton.                                |
| 1691 John Allen.  | 1724 Sir Compton Domville, of<br>Templeogue, Bart. |
| 1692 Edward Deane.  | 1725 Richard Forster.                              |
| 1693 Sir Anthony Piercy.  | 1726 Richard Elsington.                            |
| 1694 Richard Morris.  | 1727 John Baker.                                   |
| 1695 Dixie Coddington.  | 1728 William Smith, of Lissen-<br>hall.            |
| 1696 Thomas Stepney.  | 1729 Benedict Arthur, of Ca-<br>bragh.             |
| 1697 Bernard Browne.  | 1730 William Swan.                                 |
| 1698 Hugh Rowley.   | 1731 Robert Percy.                                 |
| 1699 Christian Bor.   | 1732 Allen Johnston, of Kil-<br>ternan.            |
| 1700 Paul Davis.  | 1733 William Usher, of Usher's<br>Island.          |
| 1701 Edward Swan.   | 1734 Jeremiah Donovan, of<br>Little Bray.          |
| 1702 William Usher.   | 1735 John Sherigley.                               |
| 1703 Charles Wallis.  | 1736 John Vernon of Clontarf.                      |
| 1704 Henry Percy.   | 1737 Thomas Granger.                               |
| 1705 John Sale.   | 1738 John Cusack of Rathgar.                       |
| 1706 John Linegar.  | 1739 John Bonham.                                  |
| 1707 Sir John Rogerson, knt.  | 1740 Robert Dalway.                                |
| 1708 — Plunket, of Rath-<br>beale.  | 1741 Arthur Mervyn of Bald-<br>winstown.           |
| 1709 Sir Rich. Kennedy, Bart.   | 1742 Mark Synnot of Drum-<br>condra-lane.          |
| 1710 Richard Bolton.  | 1743 Allen Johnson of Kilter-<br>nan, jun.         |
| 1711 Robert Stubbers.   | 1744 Thomas Dance of Bally-<br>boghill.            |
| 1712 Folliott Sherigley.  | 1745 Charles Davys of Hamp-<br>stead.              |
| 1713 Clement Barry, of Sag-<br>gard.  | 1746 John Gore Booth.                              |
| 1714 William Thornton.  | 1747 Lewis Jones.                                  |
| 1715 Francis Harrison.  |  |
| 1716 Richard Tighe.   |  |
| 1717 David Chaigneau.   |  |
| 1718 Robert Peppard.  |  |
| 1719 Samuel Hill.   |  |
| 1720 John Nevill.   |  |
| 1721 John Falkiner.   |  |

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| 1748 John Putland.                    | 1787 Smith Steele.            |
| 1749 Hamilton Gorges of Rathbeale.    | John Trail.                   |
| 1750 Thomas Jones.                    | 1788 John Vernon.             |
| 1751 Mason Gerard.                    | 1789 Charles Stanley Monk.    |
| 1752 Isaac Drury.                     | 1791 Edward Kennedy.          |
| 1753 Joseph Deane of Tyrenure.        | 1792 Joseph Atkinson.         |
| 1754 John Adair of Kilternan.         | 1793 Joseph Paul Meredith.    |
| 1755 Edward Maunsell of Rochestown.   | 1794 Sir George O'Kelly.      |
| 1756 William Busk.                    | 1795 George Vesey.            |
| 1757 William Fairbrother.             | 1796 David Latouche.          |
| 1758 Thomas Cobbe of Newbridge.       | 1797 Christopher Clinch.      |
| 1759 Robert Tynte of Old Bawn.        | 1798 Alexander Kirkpatrick.   |
| 1760 Sir Simon Bradstreet, Bart.      | 1799 John Garnett.            |
| 1761 John Onge.                       | 1800 John White.              |
| 1762 Sir Henry Echlin.                | 1801 John Faulkner.           |
| 1763 Edward Newenham.                 | 1802 Right Hon. R. Annesley.  |
| 1765 Richard Robins of Old Connaught. | 1803 Hans Hamilton.           |
| 1766 Abel Onge.                       | 1804 Luke White.              |
| 1767 William Jones.                   | 1805 Robert Alexander.        |
| 1768 Edward Vernon.                   | 1806 Robert Shaw.             |
| 1769 Isaac Espinasse.                 | 1807 John Hamilton.           |
| 1770 John Malpas.                     | 1808 Andrew Savage.           |
| 1771 Joseph Sirr.                     | Richard Maavers.              |
| 1772 Richard Anderson.                | 1809 Alexander Hamilton.      |
| 1773 Sir George Ribton.               | Hon. Hans Blackwood.          |
| 1774 Thomas Baker.                    | 1810 John Arthur.             |
| 1775 Thomas Kennan.                   | 1811 John Campbell.           |
| • • • • •                             | 1812 William Rathbourne.      |
| 1784 William Holt.                    | 1813 Sir H. Wilkinson.        |
| 1786 Nathaniel Warren.                | 1814 John Hamilton.           |
|                                       | 1815 William James Alexander. |
|                                       | 1816 Sir Compton Domville.    |
|                                       | 1817 James John Hamilton.     |
|                                       | 1818 Hon. Eyre Coote.         |
|                                       | 1819 Richard Verschoyle.      |
|                                       | 1820 Sir Richard Steele.      |

1821 Charles Cobbe.	1829 George Evans.
1822 George Woods.	1830 Hon. Thomas Barnewall.
1823 John Kennedy.	1831 Sir Josiah C. Coghill.
1824 Sir John Ribton.	1832 James Hans Hamilton.
1825 John David Latouche.	1833 Richard Manders.
1826 Joshua Spenser.	1834 Fenton Hort.
1827 Thomas R. Needham.	1835 Lord Brabazon.
1828 Hon. Edward Wingfield.	1836 Sir William Palmer.

## THE FIRST EXCURSION,

With which this History commences, enters at once into

### THE BARONY OF COOLOCK,

a district immediately adjoining the liberties of the metropolis at their northern boundary, washed on the east by the Irish Sea, into which it projects the fine promontory of Howth, bounded at the north by the baronies of Balrothery and Nethercross, and on the west by that of Castleknock. According to the before-mentioned return of 1824, this barony contains twenty parishes and one part of a parish, subdivided into eighty-two townlands or 20,940 acres, of which 2,398 are therein set down as waste.

The parishes enumerated are, St. George's, (in connexion with the city,) Grangegorman, Artane, Beldoyle, Balgriffin, St. Doulogh's, Cloghran, Clontarf, Clonturk, Coolock, Glasnevin, Howth, Killeigh, Killester, Killossery, (part,) Kinsaly, Malahide, St. Margaret's, Portmarnock, Ratheny, and Santry, to which the Down Survey adds parts of Finglas and Swords. Such of these as are maritime gently slope to the water, occasionally undulated, but, with the exception of Howth and Carrickhill on the sea, Fel-

trim in the interior, and the islands of Lambay and Ireland's Eye, the barony does not exhibit any eminence of importance. The whole district, exclusive only of Howth, may be said to rest upon limestone, and appears to derive its name from the woods which formerly shadowed its surface.

In reference to its annals, it would appear that this was a portion of the earliest barony erected by that title in Ireland, King John having granted the archiepiscopal estates, and particularly the lands of Coillagh, comprising, it would seem, not only large tracts in Coolock, but also portions of district in the southern parts of this county to the Archbishop of Dublin and his successors, to hold in barony tenure, whereby the prelates of this see became lords of parliament; and in a subsequent royal charter to the said Archbishop occur the confirmatory words, "and for this grant, and for the land of Coillach, the said Archbishop gave me sixty marks of silver." This latter charter was followed immediately by grants to the see of liberties and free customs, courts, and jurisdictions, all which King John further confirmed in the fifteenth year of his reign, and particularly the district of Coillach with all its appurtenances, "in baroniam," with the reservation, however, that on the king's going into Ireland he might resume these lands on assigning others in a safe and suitable situation.

Under these patents the archbishops continued to hold courts by their seneschals, as well within this barony, at Swords, Finglas, &c., as in other places within the Crocæ; enjoyed all the privileges of sok and sak, toll and them, infangthef, outfangthef, all pleas of the crown save four, the return of writs, assize of bread, wine, ale, views of frankpledge, with liberty of pillory, tumbrel, and thewe, &c. Like other feudal lords, they likewise established boroughs, or corporate towns, with certain liberties and free commonage in particular parts of their seigniories. They had their coroners and officers; and even these, as well as their clerks, and men residing in and about the city, had peculiar privileges, it being, however, on the other hand provided, in favour of the charter of Dublin, that the citizens should not sue in the court of the Arch-



bishop or of his officers, where redress might be obtained in the court of the city.

In this plenitude of prerogative, however, the archbishops were not exempted from contributing to the service of the state, in right of such their baronial territory; and in those chivalrous times, when every man fit to bear arms held his character in a manner by the tenure of military service, they too were required to represent their fee in the field, and to maintain their "warriors for the working day." Accordingly, in 1532, when King Henry notified that for certain arduous causes, with the consent of his lieutenant, and the lords spiritual and temporal and council, he had determined to unfurl and display his banner at the hill of Owenstown, and therefore ordered his treasurer and barons to issue summonses and distringases against all those absent who were bound to render scutage on such an occasion, a notice of that nature issued to the Archbishop of Dublin, as one bound to appear in right of his barony of Coillach.

The lands forfeited in 1641, in this barony, were returned as 8,455A. profitable, while the church and glebe lands therein were stated as 120A. 3R.

In 1667 a further grant was made, in augmentation of the revenues of the see of Dublin and in pursuance of the Act of Settlement, of several denominations of land in this barony, as also in those of Nethercross and Uppercross.

The tourist may, in this his first route, and, as it were, on the threshold of his excursions, enjoy, from a bridge over the Royal Canal, called Newcomen Bridge, a truly delightful view of the bay and its shores, and the woods of Marino, haply when waving in their summer verdure, and basking, as they may oftentimes be seen, in such a delicious cheerfulness of sunshine, as Claude Lorraine himself would have delighted to embody.

Presently the road reaches

## BALLYBOUGH,

where was once a white flint glass manufactory, the buildings and offices of which have been latterly converted to the uses of vitriol works. They stand at the city side of the little river of Tolka, that here empties itself into the sea under one ancient bridge, of five rude, unornamented arches, (from which the whole locality is more usually called Ballybough-Bridge,) and another modern one, nearer to the sea by a short interval.

The village is almost entirely on the opposite side of the river, comprising a few insignificant houses, some of which present, in their pointed roofs, the evidences of ancient villas; but situated as it is on the bank of an area, that, at the good will and pleasure of the tide, is alternately a pool of muddy brine, or a surface of oozy strand, it certainly offers no inviting auspice to the tourist. The Tolka, which flows through it, is an unassuming stream; it forms, however, the boundary of Coolock Barony, from the sea to Finglas Bridge, and, between Ballybough and the sea, is traversed by Annesley Bridge, the modern one before alluded to, a handsome erection of granite, consisting of three semicircular arches, and exhibiting in the centre of the parapet the Annesley arms.

In the centre of the village is, perhaps, the only Jewish cemetery in Ireland, containing about a rood of ground enclosed with a high wall and thinly planted with trees and shrubs, among which are a few headstones with Hebrew inscriptions. It is remarkable

that this people never inter a second body in the same grave, an act of veneration which could not be practicable in extensive communities. This, however, and all the other Jewish rites of sepulture, are said to be observed in cases of interment here. Under the head of each corpse is placed a bag of earth, the face is studiously turned towards the East, and the mourners, returning from the grave, pluck the grass and strew it behind them.

He who looks upon this Hebrew grave-yard, cannot but bethink himself of the devotion with which that nation is represented in the sacred writings, as regarding the burial places of their families, and the last wish of that affection, expressed with such pathetic simplicity in the entreaty of Jacob. "Bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt, but I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt;" and afterwards he charges his sons, "Bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron, the Hittite, for a possession of a burying place; there they buried Isaac, and Rebecca his wife, and there I buried Leah."

"It is not very certain when the first Jews established themselves in Dublin. There is reason to suppose, however, that they were among the Dissenters who came to Ireland after Cromwell's conquests. He wished to encourage a people, whose supposed wealth and industry, would be likely to advance the commercial interests of the country, and form, with the rest, a barrier against the Catholic population. On

his invitation some Portuguese Jews settled in Dublin, where they became opulent merchants, and established a synagogue in Crane-Lane.”\*

The Israelites were, indeed, so prepossessed by the Protector of England becoming also theirs, that it is asserted a deputation of the Asiatic Jews about this time arrived in London, with the celebrated Rabbi Jacob Ben Azabel at their head, and that it was their object to make private inquiries, in order to ascertain whether Cromwell was not the expected Messiah. The historian adds, that they accordingly embraced an opportunity to interrogate his relatives, where he was born, and whether any of his ancestors in the male line could not be proved of Jewish origin. But their object transpired, and Cromwell was so incensed at their impiety, that he commanded the deputation to leave the kingdom. He, however, continued license and toleration to Jewish settlers.

Those in Ireland, in time, became so numerous as to engage the attention of the legislature. In the year 1746, a bill was passed in the House of Commons for naturalizing persons professing the Jewish religion in Ireland, and in the year following it was again introduced, agreed to without any amendment, and presented to the Lord Lieutenant to be transmitted to England. It did not, however, receive the royal assent, but miscarried, as a similar bill had done in England, in consequence, as it would appear, of the popular clamour raised in that country against such a measure. There were, at this time, about forty

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\* Whitelaw and Walsh's Hist. of Dublin, p. 845.

Jewish families settled in Dublin, comprising 200 individuals, who had removed their synagogue to Marlborough-Green, and had purchased the above-mentioned burying-ground. Since that period, they gradually declined, and, at the commencement of the present century, there not being ten males of the body, which is necessary to constitute a synagogue; it was therefore discontinued, and the temple converted into a glass-house." \* The children of Israel have, however, at present a synagogue in Mary's Abbey.

Passing the cemetery, and continuing through the village, a narrow lane branches off at left into the once pretty suburb of Annadale.

Though Ballybough sounds not quite so "tuneable as lark to shepherd's ear," yet are there some records associated with it, not perhaps unworthy of being rescued from oblivion.

The Cistercian† monastery of the Blessed Virgin was entitled from the earliest period to the tithes of the whole townland.‡

In the commencement of the fourteenth century, the boundary of the city of Dublin, in this direction, was defined as "running through the middle of the road of the village of Ballybough, unto an ancient path of an old mill;" and the White Book of Christchurch, in describing the course of riding the franchises in 1488, thus details this portion of the route:—"Leaving the stone well on the left hand, they proceeded southward, until they came into the highway going into Ballybough; and from the gate of Ballybough they came to the water of Tolka, by the bridge of Ballybough, there passing over the water, keeping by the water side southward as far as they might ride, until they came unto St. Mary's Abbey, leaving the abbey on the right hand. On the west of the abbey, on

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\* Whitelaw and Walsh's Hist. of Dublin, p. 845.

† See an account of this Order, *post*, at "Clonliffe."

‡ Inquis. 17 Car. I. in Canc. Hib.

the water side, there lieth a stone where the abbot and his monks met them again, and the abbot told them that they should have ridden west of the abbey, and so forth to the sea; but the mayor and his brethren said "Nay; for, by our book, when we did return back from the Tolka, we should have rid to our Lady's church of Ostmanby. And so they departed, every man repairing homeward to his lodging; and thus the mayor and his brethren made an end of the riding their franchises."

The ancient gate, alluded to in the above account, has been long since replaced by an undignified one of the turnpike order; but the bridge, though recently repaired, still exhibits evidences of antiquity. The mill is represented by two modern works, which are rented for about £100 per annum; one for grinding oatmeal, the other for flour. There are good stores and suitable machinery on the premises, a capital mill-race, pond, and weir. It is subject, however, to the ordinary inconveniences of the Tolka supply—in summer scanty, and in winter superabundant.

In 1313, John Decer, then a private citizen, but formerly mayor of Dublin, built a bridge, extending from this town to "the causeway of the mill-pool of Clontarf, which before was a dangerous charge;" but, after a considerable sum was expended upon the work, it was carried away by an inundation.\*

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\* **Harris's Dublin.**—The extensive liberality of this charitable Mayor should not be forgotten. It was well worthy of more than corporate imitation. He "builded at his own charges the high pipe in Dublin," a bridge over the river Liffey towards St. Wolstan's, a chapel in Thomas-street, and another in Francis-street, erected a large stone pillar in the church of St. Saviour in Oxmantown, and gave the great stone for the high altar with all the church ornaments. On every Friday he entertained the brethren of the latter house at his table, and, in a time of general scarcity, imported from France three ships laden with corn, one of which he presented to the Lord Justice and militia, another to the Dominican and Augustinian seminaries, and the third he reserved for the liberal exercise of his own hospitality and bounty. On this occasion, the Prior of Christ Church, being also in want of corn and of money to purchase it, sent to this worthy Mayor a pledge of plate to the value of forty pounds, but he returned the plate with a present of twenty barrels of corn. All these beneficent actions

In 1376 it was found on inquisition that the corporation of Dublin had exceeded their authority, by holding pleas of trespass in the tenement of Clonliffe, being without the bounds of the city franchises, against the King's charter granted to the Abbot and Convent of St. Mary's, Dublin; and that the mayor and his bailiffs usurped a prætorian authority, without the city liberties, upon John Stoad, at Ballybough in the tenement of Clonliffe.

In 1510, John Netterville and John Penqueyt, having perpetrated a murder, stolen from William Dardis a sheep of the value of eight pence, and committed other enormities, that evinced they were not born in those times

" When Erin's sons were so good or so cold,  
As not to be tempted by woman or gold,"

sought sanctuary in St. Mary's Abbey, whither, when the coroner despatched the officers of Ballybough, to take charge of the said felons until delivered by due course of law, the abbot, Richard Begg, and his monks resisted this interference with their legal privileges, and succeeded in establishing the inviolability of their sanctuary.

At the dissolution of the monasteries, the said abbot was found seised (*inter alia*) of two messuages, one hundred acres of arable, seven acres of meadow, and four of pasture in this townland; annual value, £7 12s. 6d.; while John Bath, of Drumcondra, was then the proprietor of some houses, and eighty acres here, as also of the mill; all which he held of the king, *in capite*, by knight-service.\* For a notice in 1602, see at "Dalkey."

In the confiscations consequent upon the war of 1641, Sir James Wemys, the eldest son of Sir Patrick Wemys, (who was a native of Scotland, the confidential friend and Captain-Lieutenant to the Earl of Ormond in the army of King Charles the First,

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induced the Dominicans to insert a prayer in their litany for the prosperity of the Mayor and City of Dublin. "Orate pro salute Majoris Ballivorum et communitatis de omni civitate Dublin, optimorum benefactorum huic ordini tuo nunc et in horâ mortis." On his death, in 1332, he was buried in the monastery of his own foundation in Francis-street.

\* Inquis. 1624, in Canc. Hib.

and from whom, through the said Sir James, the family, settled at Dunfert in the county Kilkenny, is lineally descended,) obtained a grant of a messuage, or brick tenement, and several parks near Ballybough Bridge, containing forty acres. About the same time Bath's eighty acres were granted to James Duke of York, on whose attainder the principal portion thereof was sold by the trustees of the forfeited estates to Alderman Eccles of the city of Dublin.\*

In 1787, the *Dublin Chronicle* speaks of the iron mills of Ballybough, as furnishing spades, shovels, and other implements of husbandry, likewise a variety of kitchen utensils, &c., equal to any heretofore imported. The same authority mentions how successfully the manufacture of white flint glass was carried on here by an opulent company; while plate glass for coaches was made and polished near the North Strand, and another glass-house on a very extensive scale was erecting near the North Wall, all in the immediate vicinity. The newspapers of the following year also state the export of glass services from this to Cadiz.

As Ballybough was the chief furnace of this manufacture, a brief notice of its introduction into this country may not be irrelevant.

Captain Philip Roche, an Irishman of good family and possessed of some property, had accepted a commission from James the Second, and by being included in the Articles of Limerick, preserved his estate. He preferred, however, for a time to follow the fortunes of his master, but taking some umbrage, quitted France, and, after visiting a great part of the continent, returned to his native country. Being there incapacitated, as a Roman Catholic, from seeking a military or civil employment, he turned his attention to trade; and, having, while on the continent, acquired a considerable insight into the mystery of making flint glass, conceived it might be advantageously pursued here. He made the attempt, and, after many failures and much loss, eventually succeeded to his wish. After enjoying for some years the fruits of his spirited exertions, he died very opulent, and still more beloved and regretted. He bequeathed legacies to almost every one of his customers, who, indeed, were mostly hawkers,

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\* Pat. in Rolls' Office.



as the poverty of the country threw this branch into the hands of itinerant traders. A considerable share of his fortune devolved to his brother-in-law, who, in endeavouring to fulfil a charitable trust reposed in him, by securing a perpetuity of relief for poor widows, imprudently purchased long and valuable leases, which the severity and injustice of the penal laws (he being also a Roman Catholic) transferred to a Protestant discoverer. A Mr. Fitz Simons succeeded to the business, which, having been carried on for some time, devolved to his son; but, proving injurious to his health, it declined in his hands, and at length he discontinued the works, and became himself an importer of English glass. It may be added, that, soon after Mr. Roche's establishment, a similar one was set up in Parsonstown, (alias Birr,) which Doctor Boate says supplied Dublin with all sorts of window and drinking glasses. "One part of the materials," he adds, "viz. the sand, they had out of England, the ashes they made in the place, of ash tree, and used no other, while the clay, for pots to melt the materials in, was procured from the North." \*

The botanist† will find here on the road sides, *hordeum murinum*, wall barley, and *senebiera coronopus*, swine's cress.—On the strand, *glyceria distans*, reflexed sweet grass, *torilis nodosa*, knotted hedge parsley; and *arenaria rubra*, purple sandwort.—On the muddy shores, *cochlearia Danica*, Danish scurvy grass; and on the adjacent North wall, *ruppia maritima*, tassel pond weed, *sedum acre*, wall pepper, *serastium semidecandrum*, little mouse ear chickweed, *trifolium scabrum*, rough rigid trefoil, flowering so

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\* Boate's Natural History, p. 89.

† In the botanic department of this work, and the classification assigned to the respective localities, Miss Bayley's "Irish Flora," and Mr. Mackay's have been necessarily the chief authorities, with some additions from Mr. Wade's little treatises.

early as May; *apargia hirta*, deficient hawkbit, *cnicus arvensis*, creeping plume thistle, *erigeron acre*, blue flea bane, *pyrethrum maritimum*, sea feverfew, *poa distans*, reflexed meadow grass, flowering about August, a plant chiefly, though not exclusively confined to maritime situations, and deemed the most inferior of grasses for agricultural purposes; *riccia fluitans*, floating branched riccia, and *lepidium rudemale*, narrow-leaved pepperwort, flowering in September, and deriving its English name from its leaves having a taste like pepper, and being consequently often substituted for that spice by the country people, to give a relish to their viands.

Pursuing the road hence by the sea side a Catholic chapel presents itself at the left, an edifice originally constructed by an humble individual of the name of Younge, as a Dominican monastery, but subsequently, with the sanction of the Most Rev. Doctor Murray, taken on lease from the Dominicans, and now appropriated as the parochial chapel of Clonturk or Drumcondra. Mr. Younge also intended by his will to endow a school here, but his funds did not prove adequate to its maintenance.

Passing thence, a very interesting view opens at right, especially when the tide is "at home," at which times the Pigeon-House and Light-House stand out as if insulated in the bay, while the Wicklow and Dublin mountains, in summer traversed by the fleet sunshine, in winter whitened in broad lines by the snow, appear to connect with Howth, and complete-

ly to environ a space, that, but for the intrusion of the sails and the steam funnels, might be deemed a noble lake. At left is seen the classic villa of

## MARINO,

once the favourite retreat of that honest and dignified Irish patriot, the celebrated Lord Charlemont, where, in a mansion of his own erection, he collected around him the works of ancient and modern art, and passed, in literary amusement and refined society, the meridian and close of his life.

A gateway, modern and neat, with a centre and wings of hewn granite, of the Doric order, surmounted by his lordship's supporters, dragons couchant, in Portland stone, supporting an escutcheon with the family arms, and relieved with the chivalrous motto, "Deo juvante, ferro comitante,"

"With God as my guide,  
And my sword by my side,"

announces to the tourist that he has reached the demesne. It comprises about 200 acres, laid out and improved with an elegance suitable to the taste of its first resident proprietor.

"The house presents a square of Portland stone, sixty feet to each side, and has, in its day, been the shrine of some of the richest treasures of sculpture and painting that the most critical research over Europe could select. The gardens, though not extensive, were then tastefully ornamented; and the Temple, a Casino from the design of Sir Richard Chambers,

though it might be thought too laboured in its embellishments, presented an image of what Lord Charlemont had seen in the edifices of the accomplished Pericles. It is of the Doric order, constructed of a stone dazzlingly white, and raised on a square platform, ascended on the north and south by broad and expansive flights of steps. The superstructure has a portico in each front. "Those to the north and south are finished by an entablature and blockings, supporting statues at the angles, while the east and west porticoes are pedimented and finished by a balustrade over the wings; an enriched medallion cornice and elaborately sculptured frieze surround the entire.— An attic rises above the porticoes, extending longitudinally from north to south, the ends of which are ornamented with panels and festoons, and finished by antique urns, that crown the whole erection. A deep area, surrounded by a beautiful base and balustrade, protects the building, at each angle of which, reposing on pedestals, like watchful sentinels, are colossal figures of lions."\* The inside of this edifice contains a vestibule, saloon, study and boudoir, the floors of which are beautifully framed of inlaid wood, of various colours, in geometrical figures. The doors are composed of mahogany at one side and cedar at the other, both empanelled, and the mouldings round the panels richly carved. In the boudoir is a most exquisite marble chimney-piece, small, but highly sculptured with fruits, flowers, and shells.

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\* Armstrong's Fingal.

"I was sensible," said the noble founder of this structure, "that it was my indispensable duty to live in Ireland, and I determined by some means or other to attach myself to my native land, and principally with this view I began those improvements at Marino, as, without some attractive employment, I doubted whether I should have resolution to become a resident."

In 1786, this nobleman, writing from Marino to the illustrious Henry Flood, thus reiterates his sentiments of attachment for his native land :—"Do not be afraid, my dearest Flood, nor do me the injustice to harbour the least doubt of my being capable of preferring any country whatsoever to that which you inhabit. As long as the younger sister can boast of such children as you and one or two more, selected out of her numerous offspring, there is no sort of chance that the elder should ever prevail over her in my affectionate and dutiful regard; and, though I may like well enough to pass some of my time with my rich and magnificent aunt, yet, I shall ever esteem my poor mother's humble cottage as my real home, and as the natural hearth, to which both my duty and my inclination will ever recall me."

The Earl, it will be remembered, was one of the first honoured with the Order of St. Patrick, the principal of the committee of Dilettanti, the first President of the Royal Irish Academy, and, above all, the temperate commander of the Irish Volunteers.

Here, in this his hospitable villa, the consistent Lucas—

" Lucas, for whose unwearied care  
To heaven ascends the general prayer :  
Whose patriot heart, with honest pride,  
For years had stemmed corruption's tide ;

here Lucas conceived and was encouraged in the efforts of his ardent and disinterested patriotism. Here Grattan, who first entered parliament in 1775 under the auspices of the Earl of Charlemont, and as representative of the borough from which that peer derived his title; here, in the Tusculan villa of his patron, Grattan, after astounding the senate with the splendour of his eloquence, delighted the literary circle with the attainments of his genius, or the play of his fancy. Here Curran has flashed over the convivial board the dazzling coruscations of his wit. Here Flood was seen in all the verdure of his leafy honours, that "tree of the forest that was

too great to be transplanted." This, in a word, was the resort of every native or stranger, whom taste and talent could make worthy of its enjoyment.

Sir Jonah Barrington, in reference to the political character of its venerable proprietor, says, " Though he was not devoid of ambition, and was proud of his popularity, his principles were calm, and his moderation predominant. For some years at the head of a great army, in the heart of a powerful people, in the hand of an injured nation, during the most critical epocha that a kingdom ever experienced, he conducted the Irish with incredible temperance, and, in the midst of tempests, flowed on in an unruffled stream, fertilizing the plain of liberty, and enlarging the channel of independence, but too smooth and too gentle to turn the vast machinery of revolution."\* His indisposition to the emancipation of his Catholic countrymen is perhaps the only cloud that posterity recognises upon his character.

About the beginning of the year 1791, when the health of this great man was declining, and the Bath waters recommended as likely to prove beneficial, he left Marino for that object ; on which occasion he writes, " It is not pleasant for me to give up Marino, it is still less pleasant to me to give up my library, but it is least of all pleasant to me to absent myself from that sphere of public life, where my endeavours may possibly be of some small utility to my country."

His life, but it can scarcely be said his health, was prolonged to August, 1799, when he expired at his city residence, in Palace Row, Dublin, and was buried in the family vault, in the cathedral of Armagh.

In 1807 a fire broke out here that destroyed the northern wing of the family mansion, in which was a very beautiful drawing-room, with windows ornamented by some of the most masterly productions, in stained glass, of the celebrated Jervis.

The demesne and its appendages were much ne-

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\* Rise and Fall of the Irish Nation, p. 73.

glected during the long but necessitated absence of the present Earl. He is now, however, rapidly renovating its beauties; and, by the employment of labourers and artists, diffusing comfort once more in this vicinity.

The surrounding meadows abound with the *tragopogon pratensis*, yellow goats' beard, and the old walls with the red valerian.

At the Crescent, (a range of houses erected in that form in 1792,) the great road, by which the English mail was formerly conveyed, diverges to Howth, passing by the romantic little spot at left, called the Black Quarry, then by Hollybrook, an ancient denomination, with a small assemblage of houses at right; after which, at the same side, occurs Furry Park, formerly the seat of the Earl of Shannon, the descendant of the celebrated Sir Richard Boyle; Sybil Hill, the handsome demesne of Mr. Barlow, succeeds at right; the pretty cottage and well enclosed parks of Mr. D'Arcy at left; and on the same side, in a sweet situation, a little removed from this road, overhanging the glen and river of Ratheny, is the seat of Mr. M'Conchy, formerly that of Mr. Dick, whose commemoration is perpetuated in the endowed school of Ratheny, hereafter alluded to. Along the sides of this road the *epilobium tetragonum*, square-stalked willow herb, grows frequent.

Traversing, however, the sea-shore from the aforesaid Crescent, an establishment for bathers is seen at left, erected on the ruins of that charter school, of which Lord Harrington laid the first stone in 1748.

On the recent suppression of this establishment the Board of the Incorporated Society have let the ground and premises for the annual rent of £100, which is applied by them to the maintenance of the surviving charter schools.

On the wayside hence to Clontarf, the botanist will find the *chenopodium murale*, nettle leaved goose-foot, *senebiera corinopus*, swine's cress, and, according to Thelkeld, the *geranium moschatum*, musked crane's bill; while along the sea-shore *glyceria maritima*, creeping sea sweet grass, flourishes abundantly.

Continuing the latter course about half a mile, to where a lead mine was discovered and abandoned, a turn of the road leads into the town of

#### CLONTARF,

the Marathon of Ireland; but, although invested with such historic associations, it has little remaining to interest the eye. The church, which is built on the site of an ancient monastery, is a small, unimportant edifice. It contains, however, some monuments worthy of note, one of black and white marble to Charles Bouchier of Northamptonshire, who died in 1716, and to Barbara his wife, daughter of Richard Harrison, Esq., of Balls, in Hertfordshire, who died in 1719. The inscription states that their eldest son was for some time governor of Bombay, and that their other children were one son and five daughters, whose marriages, &c., it details. It also mentions that the above Mr. Bouchier came to this



country with the Honourable General Villiers, father of the Earl of Grandison and uncle of said Barbara Harrison. In the wall, near the entrance, is a mural slab, to Sarah Hadsor, who died in 1751; in the floor of the aisle, a stone to the memory of John Cavanagh, who died in 1767, and in the wall, near the communion table, a marble slab, to Archibald Douglas, eldest son of General Douglas, who died in 1787.

In the grave-yard is the family vault of the Vernons, some tombs of the Rochforts, Dawsons of Dawson Grove in the County of Monaghan, Mac Causlands of Omagh; and at the eastern gable of the church, a monument to John Kilpatrick, who represented the borough of Granard in the Irish parliament, and subsequently distinguished himself at Plassey in Bengal.

At one side of the church, in the demesne of Mr. Vernon, a specimen of castellated architecture has been recently erected; at the other, are seen the house and beautiful gardens of Mr. Colville, (formerly Lord Southwell's).

The parish, in which this town is situated, bears its name, and according to the Trigonometrical Survey\* contains 1189A. 3R. 0P.

In the Protestant establishment, Clontarf ranks as a single benefice, an undivided rectory in the

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\* The acreable contents, stated here, and in the ensuing parishes, as from the Trigonometrical Surveyors, are, of course, according to the present statutable measurement, and must be understood as kindly furnished for this work, on the best present calculation, but subject to more close revision before their invaluable maps are laid open to the public.

deanery of Finglas, and patronage of the crown, and has compounded for its tithes at £220 per annum. In the Catholic, it is united with those of Ratheny, Coolock, Santry, Glasnevin, Killester, and Drumcondra, *alias* Clonturk, there being four Roman Catholic churches in the union, at Clontarf, at Ballymun (in Santry parish), at Coolock, and at Annesley Bridge, as before mentioned. The population of this parish, exclusive of the town, was returned in 1821 as 1,253 persons, and in 1831 as 2,014, while that of the town was, on the latter occasion, stated at 1,309, the Catholics bearing, in this aggregate, a proportion to those of other persuasions, somewhat greater than as two to one. Mr. Vernon is the proprietor of the fee. His lands are chiefly let in ornamented or building lots, with the reservation of an acreable rent of £10 per annum; inferior portions, or such as do not suit for building, at about £7, while cabins without land produce from £4 to £5.

The history of this locality, under the more ancient name of Moynalta, connects itself with the highest legends of the bardic age, which allege that Partholanus, one of the earliest invaders of Ireland, closed his adventurous life on this barren shore. Other authorities assign Howth as the place where he and all his followers fell victims to the plague. It subsequently obtained the Irish name of Clontarf, i. e., the plain of the bull, from the fanciful appearance of the large sand-bank in front of it, and which still retains the appellation in the English tongue.

In 550 a church was founded here, and dedicated to St. Congall the Abbot, founder of the noble monastery of Bangor, and other religious houses, having, according to his biographers, 3000 monks under his care. He died about the year 600, and his festival is kept on the 10th of May. From this time nothing very

worthy of insertion occurred here, until the memorable period before alluded to, when Brian Boroimhe, the justly celebrated monarch of Ireland, was compelled to abandon his pacific plans for the improvement of a country miserably wasted by internal dissensions and foreign spoliation, and again reluctantly obliged to lead his countrymen to the field in the eightieth year of his age. He repressed their fears, kindled their enthusiasm, united their energies, gathered them to defend their country, their liberty, their religion, and, under his practised direction, they achieved over the Danes, upon the plains of Clontarf, the proudest victory that the chronicles of Ireland record. The glories of their triumph were, however, deeply darkened by the fall of this good old king, the most splendid ornament of the O'Brien dynasty, the lawgiver and the hero, the Alfred and Epaminondas of his country. At the close of the engagement he was sacrificed by a flying party of Danes to the manes of their fallen comrades. John Wilson has included this illustrious individual amongst the martyrs, as has Fitz Simons in the catalogue of Irish saints, each following Marianus Scotus; and, undoubtedly, if the founding and rebuilding of churches, the sheltering and maintaining persecuted ecclesiastics, the directing every effort of men, money, genius, and power, to restore Christianity, the ardent prosecution of a war, perhaps more holy than a crusade, from battle to battle, to arrest the sacrilegious arms of the infidel invaders of his country, gave a claim to canonization, he was eminently entitled to it.

The details of the engagement are given, at much length, in the various Irish annals. The Book of Howth, naturalizing the story of Lucretia, attributes the whole catastrophe to the revenge of an injured husband. The *Antiquitates Celt. Scand.* are also very full in its recital, and the *Leabhar Oiris*, cited in O'Connor's Dissertation, (s. 18), is most diffuse, particularly in the account of the death of Brian; and, certainly, it seems that the influence of this battle on the fortunes of Ireland well justifies a relation of the circumstances under which it was fought, and the particulars of the engagement, for which purpose the following has been selected, as translated by Mr. John O'Donovan chiefly from an ancient Irish MS. entitled *Cath Chluana Tarbh*; corrected, however, in many parts, from the Annals of Innisfallen and Ulster,

especially in the list of the chieftains who fell in that remarkable combat ; while the account of the deaths of Brian and Morogh is translated literally from the original Irish, as given by Mr. Hardiman in his *Irish Minstrelsy*, vol. ii. p. 361. It must be confessed, however, that in some of the details there appears an evident disposition to exaggerate.

“It is said that towards the end of Brian Boroihme’s reign Ireland flourished in all earthly blessings ; and that so strictly were the laws obeyed, that, as we are informed by Mac Liag, chief antiquary of Ireland in Brian’s time, a lady might travel unattended from one extremity of Ireland to the other, with a gold ring on the top of a wand, without being robbed or molested. No Danes were left in the kingdom, but such a number of artisans and merchants in Dublin, Waterford, Wexford, Cork, and Limerick, as he knew could be easily mastered at any time, should they dare to rebel ; and these he very wisely (as he thought) permitted to remain in those seaport towns, for the purpose of encouraging trade and traffic, as they possessed many ships, and were experienced sailors.

“But such prosperity was of short continuance : Maelmordha, who usurped the crown of Leinster in 999, *by the assistance of the Danes*, being at an entertainment at *Kincora*, saw Morogh, Brian’s eldest son, at a game of chess, and advised his antagonist to a movement which lost Morogh the game ; whereupon Morogh observed to him with a sneer, *that if he had given as good advice at the battle of Glen-mama, the Danes would not have received so great an overthrow.*

“To which Maelmordha replied, “My instructions the next time shall guide them to victory ;” and Morogh, with contempt, bade defiance. Maelmordha became enraged, retired to his bed-chamber, and did not appear at the banquet, but passed the night in restless anger, and ruminating his country’s ruin. Early next morning he set out for Leinster, without taking his leave of the monarch, or any of his household, to shew that he was bent upon desperate revenge. The good monarch, on hearing of his departure, sent one of his servants after him, to request his reconciliation with Morogh. The servant overtook him east of the Shannon, not far from Killaloe, and delivered his message from the monarch.

Maelmordha, who all the while listened with indignation, as soon as the servant was done speaking, raised the rod of yew which he had in his hand, and with three furious blows thereof, fractured the servant's skull, to make known to Brian how he rejected such reconciliation. He pursued his way on horseback to Leinster, where, the next day, he assembled his nobles, represented to them the insult he received at Kincora, and inflamed them to so great a degree, that they renounced their allegiance to Brian, confederated with the Danes, and sent the monarch defiance.

"Emissaries were sent to Denmark and Norway. The Danes of Normandy, Britain, and the Isles, joyfully entered into the confederacy, pleased at the prospect of once more gaining possessions in this land, *flowing with milk and honey*.\* The King of Denmark sent his two sons, *Carolus Kanutus* and *Andreas*, at the head of twelve thousand men, who landed safely in Dublin, and were kindly received and refreshed by Maelmordha. Troops now daily poured into the different parts of Leinster, from Sweden, Norway, Normandy, Britain, the Orkneys, and every other northern settlement. The King of Leinster was also indefatigable, not only in raising new levies, but in labouring to detach different princes from the interest of their country. Never were such efforts made by the Danes as upon this occasion; the best men were every where pitched upon for this service. Among others, Broder and Anrud, two Norwegian princes, landed at the head of one thousand choice troops, covered with coats of mail.

"The King of Leinster, being now animated by the number of

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\* "In the Chronicle of Ademar, Monk of Epharchius of Angoulesme, there is a curious passage relative to the views of the Northmen at that time, in which it is stated that they came with an immense fleet, meaning to extinguish the Irish, and to get possession of that most wealthy country which had twelve cities, great bishoprics, &c. '*His temporibus Normanni supradicti, cum innumerâ classe Hiberniam insulam, quæ Irlanda dicitur, ingressi sunt una cum uxoribus et liberis, &c. ut, Hirlandis extinctis, ipsi pro ipsis inhabitarent opulentissimam terram quæ xii civitates cum amplissimis Episcopatibus et unum regem habet, ac propriam linguam sed Latinas literas, quam Sanctus Patricius Romanus ad fidem convertit.*' Labbe thinks that this Chronicle was written before 1031.

his auxiliaries, without longer delay, bid defiance by a herald to the monarch Brian, and challenged him to fight at Clontarf.

“ Brian Boroimhe, with all possible speed, mustered the forces of Munster and Connaught, and marched directly to the place appointed, and there saw the enemy prepared to oppose him, viz. sixteen thousand Danes, together with all the power of Leinster, under the command of their king, Maelmordha, the sole author of this battle. Then the power of Meath came in to aid their monarch Brian, under the conduct of Maelseachluin, their king, who, however, intended to betray Brian. For this purpose he sent to the King of Leinster to inform him, that Brian had despatched his son, Donogh, at the head of a third part of the Eugenic forces, to ravage Leinster, and that he himself, with his 1000 Meathmen, would desert Brian on the day of battle. Accordingly, it was determined to attack Brian before Donogh could come up. He was then encamped on the plain near Dublin, with a smaller army than he otherwise should have had. His opponents formed themselves into three divisions; the first, consisting of 1000 Northmen, covered with coats of mail from head to foot, and commanded by Carolus and Anrud, two Norwegian princes, and of the Danes of Dublin under Dolat and Conmael. The second division consisted of Lagenians, about 9000 strong, commanded by their king, Maelmordha Mac Morogh, and under him by several minor princes, such as Mac Tuathal, or Toole, of the Liffey territory, the prince of Hy-Falgy, (Ophaly,) together with a large body of the Danes. The third division was formed of the Northmen, collected from the islands, from Scotland, &c. It was commanded by Loder, Earl of the Orkneys, and Broder, Admiral of the fleet, which had brought the auxiliary Northmen to Ireland. Brian was not dismayed by this mighty force; and, depending on Providence and the bravery of his troops, prepared for battle, dividing his army likewise into three divisions; one to oppose the enemy's first division, under his son Morogh, who had along with him his son Torlogh, and a select body of the brave Dalcassians, besides four other sons of Brian, Teige, Donald, Connor, and Flan, and various chieftains, Donchuan, Lonargan, Celiocar, Fiongallach, and Jonrachtach, and the three chiefs of Teflia, &c., together with a body of men from Conmaicne-mara, a western part of Connaught, under Carnan,

their chief. To this division Maelseachluin was ordered to join his followers. Over the division which was to fight the second of the enemy, Brian placed Kian and Donald, two princes of the Eugenician line, under whom were the forces of Desmond and other parts of the south of Ireland, viz. Mothla, son of Faelan, King of the Desies; Murtoth, son of Anmchadha, Lord of Hy-Liathian; Scanlan, son of Cathal, Chief of Eoganacht, of Lough Lein; Cathal, the son of Donovan, Lord of Hy-Cairbre Eabha, and Loingsiach O'Dowling, Chief of Hy-Conall Gaura; the son of Beothach, King of Kerry-Luachra; Geibbionach, the son of Dubhagan, Chief of Fermoy. To this division also belonged O'Carroll, and his troops of Ely O'Carroll, and it was joined by another O'Carroll, Prince of Uriel, in Ulster, and Maguire, Prince of Fermanagh. The division opposed to the third of their antagonists, consisted chiefly of Connacians, commanded by Teige O'Connor, as chief, under whom were Mulroney O'Heyne, Chief of Aidhne; Teige O'Kelly, King of Hy-maine; O'Flaherty, King of Muintir Murchadha; Connor O'Mulroney, Chief of Moylurg; Hugh Guineagh O'Doyle, and Fogartagh, the son of Donall, two Chiefs of Ely; Murtoth, the son of Corc, Chief of Muscraighe-Cuirc; and Hugh, the son of Loughlin, Chief of Hy-Cuanach; Donall, the son of Dermot, Chief of Corca-Baisgin; Donogh, the son of Cathal, Chief of Muscraighe Aedha; Ectigerna, the son of Donegan, King of Ara. The Northmen, who had arrived under Broder at Dublin, on Palm Sunday, A. D. 1014, insisted on the battle being fought on Good Friday, which fell on the 23rd of April, a day, on which, by reason of its sanctity, Brian would have wished to avoid fighting.\* Yet he was determined to defend himself even on that day; and, holding the crucifix in his left hand, and his sword in the right, rode with his son Morogh through the ranks, and addressed them as follows, as we read in the Annals of Innisfallen, under the year 1014. *'Be not dismayed because that my son Donogh, with the third part of the Momonian forces, is absent from you, for they are plundering Leinster and the Danish terri-*

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\* The *Niala Saga* states that Broder had been informed by a sort of pagan oracle, that should the battle be fought on Good Friday, the Northmen would be victorious.

*tories. Long have the men of Ireland groaned under the tyranny of these sea-faring pirates ! the murderers of your kings and chieftains, plunderers of your fortresses ! profane destroyers of the churches and monasteries of God ! who have trampled upon, and committed to the flames the relics of his saints !* (and raising his voice,) *May the Almighty God, through his great mercy, give you strength and courage this day, to put an end for ever to their tyranny in Ireland, and to revenge upon them their many perfidies, and their profanations of the sacred edifices dedicated to his worship, this day, on which JESUS CHRIST himself suffered death for your redemption.*’ So saying, (continue the Annals) ‘He shewed them the symbol of the bloody sacrifice in his left hand, and his golden hilted sword in his right, declaring that he was willing to lose his life in so just and honourable a cause.’ And he proceeded towards the centre to lead on his troops to action ; but the chiefs of the army, with one voice, requested he would retire from the field of battle, on account of his great age, and leave to his eldest son Morogh the chief command.

“ At sunrise in the morning the signal for battle was given ; but at this very critical moment, Maelseachluin, finding an opportunity of being in some measure revenged of Brian, retired suddenly from the scene of action with his 1000 Meathmen, and remained an inactive spectator during the whole time of the battle, without joining either side. This defection certainly rendered the division of the monarch’s army very unequal in numbers to that of the enemy’s which they were appointed to engage with. But Morogh, with great presence of mind, cried out to his brave Dalcassians, ‘that this was the time to distinguish themselves, as they alone would have the unrivalled glory of cutting off that formidable body of the enemy.’ And now, whilst the Dalcassians were closely engaged with battle-axe, sword, and dagger, the second division, under the command of the King of Connaught, hastened to engage the Danes of Leinster and their insular levies, whilst the troops of South Munster attacked Maelmordha and his degenerate Lagenians. Never was greater intrepidity, perseverance, or animosity displayed in any other battle than in this ; as every thing depended on open force and courage. The situation of the ground admitted of no ambuscades, and none were used ; they



fought man to man, and breast to breast; and the victors in one rank fell victims in the next. The commanders on both sides performed prodigies of valour. Morogh, his son Torlogh, his brethren and kindred, flew from place to place, and every where left the sanguinary traces of their courage. The slaughter committed by Morogh excited the fury of Carolus and Conmael, two Danes of distinction; they attacked him in conjunction, and both fell by his sword. Sitric, the son of Loder, observed that Morogh and other chiefs retired from the battle more than twice, and after each return seemed to be possessed of double vigour. It was to quench their thirst, and cool their hands, swelled from the violent use of the sword and battle-axe, in an adjoining well, over which a guard of twelve men was placed; this the Danes soon destroyed. On rejoining his troops the last time, Sitric, the son of Loder, with a body of Danes, was making a fresh attack on the Dalcassians, and him Morogh singled out, and with a blow of his battle-axe divided his body in two through his armour!\* The other Irish commanders in like manner distinguished themselves, though their exploits are not so particularly narrated; and it would seem from the number of rank that fell on both sides, that the chiefs every where attacked each other in single combat.

“The issue of the day remained doubtful, until near four o’clock in the afternoon, and then it was that the Irish made so general an attack on the enemy, that its force was not to be resisted. Destitute of leaders, and consequently in disorder, the Danes gave way on every side. Morogh, at this time, through the violent exertion of his right arm, had both hand and arm so swelled and pained as to be unable to lift them up. In this condition

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\* “Annals of Innisfallen.—Of the great havoc which the Irish committed with the battle-axe, Giraldus Cambrensis thus speaks in the reign of King John :—‘They hold the axe with one hand not with both, the thumb being stretched along the handle and directing the blow, from which neither the helmet erected into a cone can defend the head, nor the iron mail the rest of the body. Whence it happens in our times that the whole thigh (coxa) of a soldier, though ever so well cased in iron mail, is cut off by one blow of the axe, the thigh and the leg falling on one side of the horse, and the dying body on the other.’

he was attacked by Anrudh, the son of Ebhrich, but Morogh closing in upon him, seized him with the left hand, shook him out of his coat of mail, and prostrating him, pierced him with his sword by leaning with his breast upon it, and pressing upon it with the weight of his body. In this dying situation of Anrudh, he nevertheless seized the *skeine* (*scimitar*) which hung by Morogh's side, and with it gave him at the same instant a mortal wound! The Dane expired on the spot; but Morogh lived until next morning. The confusion became general through the Danish army, and they fled on every side. Laidin, the servant of Brian, observing the confusion, feared that the imperial army was defeated. He hastily entered the tent of Brian, who was on his knees before a crucifix, and requested that he would immediately take a horse and fly. 'No,' says Brian; 'it was to conquer or die I came here; but do you and my other attendants take my horses to Armagh, and communicate my will to the successor of St. Patrick—that I bequeath my soul to God, my body to Armagh, and my blessing to my son Donogh; give two hundred cows to Armagh, along with my body; and go directly to Swords of Columbkille, and order them to come for my body to-morrow, and conduct it to Duleek of St. Kieran, and let them convey it to Louth, whither let Maelmurry, the son of Eochy, comorb of St. Patrick, come with the family of Armagh, and convey it to their Cathedral.' 'People are coming towards us,' says the servant. 'What sort of people are they,' says Brian? 'Green, naked people,' says the servant. 'They are the Danes in armour,' says Brian; and he rose from his pillow, seized his sword, and stood to await the approach of Broder and some of his followers; and he saw no part of him without armour except his eyes and his feet. Brian raised his hand and gave him a blow with which he cut off his left leg from the knee, and the right from the ankle, but Broder's axe met the head of Brian, and fractured it; Brian, however, with all the fury of a dying warrior, beheaded Broder, and killed a second Dane by whom he was attacked, and then gave up the ghost. From the vast number of chiefs who fell, we may form some idea of the carnage of Brian's army. Besides himself, were slain Morogh, with two of his brothers, and his grandson Turlogh; his nephew Conang; the chiefs of Corca Baisgin, of Fermoy, of Co-

nagh, of Kerry-Luachra, of Eoganacht Locha Lein, of Hy-Conaill-Gabhra, of Hy-Neachach Mumhan, of the Desies, &c. fell in this battle; as did the Connaught princes O'Kelly of Hy-maine, O'Heyne, and many others. The Great Stewards of Leamhna (Lennox) and Mar, with other brave Albanian Scots, the descendants of Corc, king of Munster, died in the same cause. On the side of the enemy there fell Maelmordha, the cause of all this blood, with the princes of Hy-Failge (Offaly), of Magh-Liffe, and almost all the chiefs of Leinster, with 9000 of their bravest troops. Of the Danes, besides their principal officers, there fell 14,000 men. The 1,000 men that wore coats of mail are said to have been all cut to pieces. The Danes were routed and pursued to their ships, and as far as the gates of Dublin. The surviving foreigners took an eternal farewell of the country; and the Irish Danes returned to Dublin.

“ That this was a real and great victory is attested in the Annals of Innisfallen under the year 1014, as also in the Annals of the Four Masters and of Ulster. Yet Sir James Ware, in his Antiquities of Ireland, chap. 24, has some doubts on this point, as if towards the end the Danes became uppermost. But the Scandinavian account of this sanguinary battle (which was long after famous throughout Europe) is sufficient to remove this doubt. The *Niala Saga*, in Johnstone's *Ant. Celto-Scand.*, represents the Northmen as flying in all directions, and large parties of them totally destroyed. And in the Chronicle of Ademar, Monk of St. Eparchius of Angoulesme, this battle is represented as even greater than it really was, for it is said that all the Northmen were killed, and it is added that crowds of their women threw themselves into the sea. Yet it is true, that of some of their divisions not a man was left alive. Ademar makes the battle last for three days, but this does not agree with other accounts.

“ The body of Brian, according to his will, was conveyed to Armagh. First, the clergy of Swords, in solemn procession brought it to their abbey, from thence, the next morning, the clergy of Damhliag (Duleek) conducted it to the church of S. Kianan; here the clergy of Louth (Lughmagh) attended the corpse to their own monastery. The Archbishop of Armagh, with his suffragans and clergy, received the body at Louth, whence it was conveyed

to their cathedral. For twelve days and nights it was watched by the clergy, during which time there was a continued scene of prayers and devotions; and then it was interred with great funeral pomp at the north side of the altar of the great church. The body of Morogh, with the heads of Conang and Faelan, prince of the Desies, were deposited in the south aisle of that church; but his grandson Turlogh, and most of the other chiefs, were interred at the monastery of Kilmainham.

“Donogh, after having plundered Leinster, arrived at Kilmainham, on the evening of Easter Sunday, with the great spoil of Leinster, where he met his brother Teige, Kian, the son of Molloy, and all that survived the battle: and he sent many presents and offerings to the comorb of St. Patrick.

“Malachy (who resumed the monarchy of Ireland after the fall of Brian,) having been requested by the Clan Colman to give a narrative of the action, said:—‘It is impossible for human language to describe it, an angel from heaven only could give a correct idea of the terrors of that day! We retired to the distance of a fallow field from the combatants, the high wind of the spring blowing from them towards us. And we were no longer than half an hour there, when neither of the two armies could discern each other, nor could one know his father or brother, even though he were the next to him, unless he could recognise his voice, or know the spot on which he stood, and we were covered all over, both faces, arms, heads, hair, and clothes with red drops of blood, borne from them on the wings of the wind! And should we attempt to assist them we could not, for our arms were entangled with the locks of their hair, which were cut off by the swords, and blown towards us by the wind, so that we were all the time engaged in disentangling our arms. It was wonderful that those who were in the battle could endure such horror without becoming distracted. And they fought from sunrise until the dusk of the evening, when the full tide carried the ships away.’”

In the museum of Trinity College a harp richly ornamented is exhibited as having belonged to Brian; but, although its antiquity be evidently great, it is somewhat apocryphal that its music ever touched the heart of that monarch.

This battle was the subject of a fine poem, preserved in the

Orcades of Thermodus Torfæus, and also in Bartholinus, of which Gray has given a paraphrase, but certainly far inferior to the original, in his ode entitled "The Fatal Sisters." It also, as might well be expected, supplied the theme of various native effusions. That man, it has been observed, is little to be envied, whose patriotism would not gain force upon the plains of Marathon, or whose piety would not grow warmer among the ruins of Iona: and surely, he were not worthy of the name of Irishman, who would not feel electrified by the moral sublimity of this scene;

" Whose heart within him never burned,"

as he traversed the historic scene, where, by one magnificent effort of national retribution, the oppressors of his country were for ever crushed, and, although some few of their race were allowed to remain as merchants in the towns which they had "builted with blood and established by iniquity," and where, on the English invasion, the rights of their descendants continued to be saved by special reservations down to the fourteenth century, yet never again were they a dominant people in this country.

In 1171, when Roderic O'Conor invested the city of Dublin with his auxiliaries, Mac Dunleve, the petty prince of Ulster, had his station here, as had O'Rourke of Breffny, (the abduction of whose wife was the alleged cause of the English invasion,) in the subsequent memorable attack upon Milo de Cogan. Immediately afterwards, the great Palatine of Meath, Hugh de Lacy, conferred upon his favourite, Adam de Phepoe, one knight's fee in the vicinage of Dublin, comprising Clontarf, upon which de Phepoe is said to have built a castle; while, in the service of religion, a commandery (as religious houses, attached to military orders, were more commonly called) was founded here for Knights Templars, dependant upon Strongbow's splendid establishment of that order at Kilmainham. It was liberally endowed by private munificence, and a grant by Nicholas Taaffe of all his lands of Killergy, to the master of the Templars here, is yet of record.

The religious order of Templars was instituted at Jerusalem, about the year 1118; some individuals, who placed themselves under the government of the Patriarch, renounced property, made

the vow of celibacy and obedience, and lived like Canons Regular. King Baldwin assigned to them apartments in his palace, and they had, likewise, lands conferred upon them by the Patriarch and the nobility, for their maintenance. About nine years after their institution a rule was drawn up for their conduct, and a white habit assigned to them by Pope Honorius the Second. In twenty years afterwards they were allowed to wear red crosses, sewed upon their cloaks, as a mark of distinction, and, in a short time, were increased to about 300 in their convent at Jerusalem. They took the name of Knights Templars, because their first house stood near the temple dedicated to our Saviour.

This order, after having performed many great achievements against the infidels, became so rich and powerful, that they were possessed of 9000 manors in Christendom, and, certainly, no other fraternity could so well suit the taste of an age inspired with all the excitements of romance, and yet more elevated by every species of religious enthusiasm. Their amazing accession of property, however, soon induced the jealousy of the crowned heads of England and France, whereupon, charges, frivolous or feebly supported, were corruptly admitted by avaricious judges, and the order was universally suppressed, being, at the time of its extinction, possessed of 16,000 lordships. Their grand master, James de Mola, was burned at Paris, asserting, to the last moment of his life, their orthodoxy and innocence. In 1312, the Pope, by his Bull, given in the Council of Vienna, pronounced the extinction of the order, but united their estates to that of St. John of Jerusalem, a grant which the king of England confirmed in his dominions, protesting, however, against any assumption of temporal power by the Pope, on this occasion.—In Ireland, besides Kilmainham and Clontarf, this order was seized of the preceptories of Killogan, Killergy, Kilsaran, Killure, Crock, Clonagh and Teach-Temple.

Edward the Second, immediately on his accession to the throne, transmitted to John Wogan, then justiciary of Ireland, a mandate for their suppression and the confiscation of their estates there, which was accordingly obeyed, and still further enforced in 1309, by the imprisonment of the Templars in the

castle of Dublin. In 1311 their manors of Clontarf and Kilsaran were granted to Richard De Burge, Earl of Ulster;\* but the religious edifices continued to be upheld as royal houses, and numerous records occur of salaries and liberates paid from the treasury to the janitor, the butler,† &c. of "our Royal House of Clontarf." A large, venerable mulberry tree, in a garden in the town, is thought to mark the vicinity of this commandery, even yet surviving, by upwards of five centuries, the pious hands that planted it.

In 1812 a causeway was constructed, as before mentioned, from Ballyhough Bridge to this town.

In 1826 Roger Le Ken had a grant of all the premises in Clontarf, which he had theretofore occupied at will, to hold thenceforth to him and the heirs of his body.

In 1398 a petition was presented to king Edward the Third, praying, in behalf of the Irish people, that the revenues of the Knights Templars should, in the hands of the king's justices and grantees, be made to contribute to pay the "debts, burdens, pensions, alms, and hospitality which it could be proved the Templars used to pay, and were bound so to do from the time of their foundation." To which the king replied, that relief should be given according to the statute of the 17th of Edward the Second, an act which had previously ordained, that all the possessions of the dissolved Templars should continue subject to the same burdens to which they had been liable in the hands of that community, as, relieving the poor, &c. Saving the rights of all persons to prosecute their claims for pensions, corodies, alms, &c., as they might have done against the said Templars, if their order had not been dissolved.

In 1377 the king ordered that several books, the property of certain clergymen, who were deemed hostile to his crown, should be seized in this harbour, where they had been shipped. About this time this manor, according to the Pope's decree of 1312, passed into the possession of the knights of St. John of Jerusalem, an order which was instituted on the following occasion.

\* Roll in Exch. England.

† It is remarkable that in these accounts, credit is taken for shoes furnished at the uniform price of 6s. 8d. per pair.

In the year 1048 some Neapolitan merchants founded a Latin church at Jerusalem, and also a monastery of religious, after the order of St. Bennet, for the reception of pilgrims. Near this they likewise established an hospital for the diseased, and a chapel in honour of St. John the Baptist. In 1099 the celebrated Godfrey de Bouillon, having taken Jerusalem, endowed this hospital with some demesnes which he had in France; and, others imitating his liberality, its revenues became considerably augmented, whereupon their rector, in concert with his fraternity, resolved to separate from the Latin house and form a distinct congregation under the name and protection of St. John the Baptist, and on so doing assumed their appellation of Hospitallers or brothers of St. John of Jerusalem. Their habit was black, and they wore on their breasts a white cross of eight points, emblematic of the eight beatitudes. Pope Pascal, in 1113, confirmed their endowments, and established them under the special protection of the Holy See. A succeeding rector took the title of Master, and gave a rule to the Hospitallers, which was approved of by Pope Calixtus the Second, in 1120.

Their first grand master, finding that the revenues of the Hospital vastly exceeded what was necessary for the entertainment of poor pilgrims and diseased persons, resolved to employ the surplus against the infidels; and accordingly offered himself and the resources of his fraternity to the King of Jerusalem. On this occasion the order was divided into three classes, the first: consisting of nobles for the profession of arms, defence of the faith, and protection of pilgrims; the second for the service of religion, and the third, who were not noble, were also appointed for the war. He likewise regulated the manner of admitting knights brothers, and had the whole arrangement confirmed in 1180 by Pope Innocent the Second, who commanded that the standard of the knights should be "gules a full cross argent."

After the loss of Jerusalem, they retired first to Margath, then to Acre, which they defended very vigorously in 1290; thence they withdrew to Cyprus, where they continued until, having taken Rhodes from the Saracens, they settled and sojourned there; but, after a possession of 213 years, Solyman the Second, in 1522, attacked and took the island, with an army of 300,000



men. After this discomfiture the grand master, and his knights, retired first to Candia and subsequently to Malta.

A branch of the order settled in Ireland immediately after the English invasion, and established their grand priory at Wexford; which continued to be their chief house until they received Kilmainham on the suppression of the Templars. At the time of the dissolution, this order had twenty-two preceptories in this country.

In 1895 a state warrant issued in aid of the laws against absenteeism, to arrest and detain all ships "in the water of Clontarf," destined for the conveyance of passengers to England.\*

Some readers may be surprised to find absenteeism an object of such early legislative interference, but the "census emigrati-onis" of the Romans was introduced in the system of Irish taxation, almost a century previous to the above date; from which period it has been the paramount and, it might be said, the peculiar evil of Ireland, alike destructive of the strength—the rank—the revenues of the island—the industry and comforts of its peasantry—the influence of its great proprietors, and above all, the patriarchal, friendly, and social relations that should flow from the recurrence of mutual benefits amongst all classes of the people; yet, although there has thus been, from 1310 to 1753, a series of legal enactments to prevent its ruinous prevalence here, and no less popular remonstrances from that period to the present, all have been successively more ineffective, as the following comparative table of the amount of absentee rentals, at various periods, on the most approved authorities, may evince:

1691, amount of annual absentee rental,	. £136,018
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1729, do. do.	. 627,799
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1782, do. do.	. 2,223,222
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1783, do. do.	. 1,608,932
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1804, do. do.	. 3,000,000
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1830, do. do.	. 4,000,000
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And it is now estimated as nearer	. 5,000,000
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In 1413 Sir John Stanley landed in the harbour of Clontarf, delegated for the prosecution of a rapacious and oppressive government, which terminated in a few months with his life.

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\* Rot. Pat. 18 Ric. II. in Canc. Hib.

In 1440 William and James Fitzgerald, the brothers of Thomas Fitzgerald, then Grand Master of the Hospitallers, having waylaid the Lord Deputy on the marches or borders of the Pale, near Kilcock, slain several of his suite, and imprisoned himself, the King directed that the manors of said Thomas, and amongst them Clontarf, should be sequestered until he exculpated himself from having been accessory to the offence, which he immediately did.\*

An inquisition of 1527 finds that this commandery was of the annual value of £20.

In 1534 Lord Thomas Fitzgerald, "the silken lord," here defeated the first detachment of the royal forces that was sent against him.

Immediately previous to its dissolution, the priory of Kilmainham was seised of the manor, rectory, tithes, and altarages of Clontarf, subject, however, to a lease made by the Prior in 1538, to Matthew King, of all the town and lordship, with the appurtenances, and also the pool of Clontarf, and the island lying to the west side thereof, and all the said rectory, tithes, &c. to endure for ninety-nine years, from 1542. In this demise it was provided, that the lessee, &c. should repair the manor house of Clontarf, and maintain a sufficient person to minister all sacraments to the parishioners at their proper charges. The Prior also thereby granted to said Matthew King, and to the inhabitants of the town of Clontarf, license, with their boats to fish within the liberty and bounds of Carlingford, without any payment to the vicar of Carlingford, or his successors.

On the suppression of that splendid religious establishment, its last Prior, Sir John Rawson, who had been at different periods Lord Treasurer of Ireland, was, in 1541, on surrendering the possession of his house, created Viscount of Clontarf, with a pension of 500 marks,† in right of which dignity he sat in the parliament of that year. The following representation preceded, and appears to have influenced those marks of royal favour.

"May it further please your Majesty," writes the Lord Deputy St. Leger, in 1540, to King Henry the Eighth, "according to

\* Rot. Claus. 19 Hen. VI. in Canc. Hib.

† Archdall's Mon. Hib. p. 425.

your high commandment, I, at my repair to these parts, moved the Lord Kilmainham, Lord of Saint John's here, concerning the surrender of his name and lands, and how good and gracious your Majesty is to him, assigning unto him for term of his life five hundred marks by the year. The said Lord Kilmainham is not only glad and willing to obey your said commandment and pleasure, but also desired me to render unto your Excellent Majesty his most humble thanks for your said goodness towards him. And also he, perceiving your said pleasure, hath not only given to me, your poor servant, certain implements very necessary for the house there, with corn, hay, and other things whereof I had great need, but also hath caused the principal house there to be well and substantially repaired in all places needful, which assuredly is a good house, and great pity that it should decay. And forasmuch, as by the report of the most part of the counsel here, the said Lord Kilmainham hath, for the long time of his abode here, been the person which, next your Majesty's Deputy, hath always kept the best house, and English sort, and at all times, when strangers of other countries hath repaired thither, feasted and entertained them to your Highness's honour; and also for that it is thought by those of your English counsellors here, that it shall be a great lack to miss him out of council, and also out of the parliament, (when any shall be,) as well for his honesty as for his long experience; they have all desired me to write unto your most Excellent Majesty in favour of the said Lord Kilmainham, that forasmuch as your Majesty hath assigned him so honourable pension, and that he intendeth here to remain for term of his life, that your Majesty would be so good and gracious as to give him the name of honour of Viscount of Clontarf, which is a place where he intendeth with your Majesty's favour to make his abode, and to be a lord of the parliament and of your council, assigning to him such annuity with the said name of honour, as shall stand with your Highness's pleasure. Wherefore, in accomplishment of their said requests, I most humbly beseech your Majesty to be good unto him in this their humble suite and mine. The man is very aged, and not like to charge your Majesty very long.\* This request was farther urged by a memorial from the Privy Council to the king, signed by the Master of the

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\* State Papers, temp. Hen. VIII.

Rolls, (John Alen,) the Archbishop of Dublin, the Bishop of Meath, Dean Basnet, Lord Gormanston, Justices Aylmer and Luttrell, Thomas Eustace, afterwards created Lord Baltinglas, and three others.

The principal part of the possessions, which the priory of Kilmainham had enjoyed here, as above stated, was in 1600 granted to Sir Geoffrey Fenton; the rectory having been then calculated as of the annual value of forty shillings.\* In 1608 these premises were further assured to William, the son of Sir Geoffrey, and are in both patents enumerated as "the lordship, manor, or preceptory, town and lands, islands and customs, &c. of Clontarf, a wood, called the Prior's wood, near Coolock, lying east of Coolock wood, the rectory and tithes, great and small, oblations, &c. of Clontarf," parcel of the estate of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, with wrecks, royalties, liberty of fishing for the inhabitants and mariners of Clontarf, within the parish, strand, and bay of Carlingford, without paying tithes or other profits to the crown or vicar of Carlingford, or to any other person save the said grantee. It was this Sir Geoffrey Fenton, who, in the office of Irish Secretary of State, was employed by Queen Elizabeth, as English council, to watch over the actions of the Viceroy, Sir John Perrot, a station which he continued to fill during her reign and that of her successor for twenty-seven years. His only daughter was married to Richard, the first Earl of Cork.

In 1609 the parish church here was rebuilt. The regal visitation of 1615 states the rectory to be impropriate, that ——— Thelwall was the resident incumbent, and that the church and chancel were in good repair.

In 1637 the aforesaid Sir William Fenton had a confirmation to him of the manor of Clontarf, under the commission for the remedy of defective titles, but, on the failure of his male line immediately afterwards, the manor passed through a female to the King family.

In the commencement of the war of 1641, Luke Netterville and his adherents having seized a vessel which lay here and plundered it of all its cargo, the Earl of Ormond was directed to avenge the offence. Sir Charles Coote was thereupon privately despatched

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\* Inquis. in Chief Rememb. Office.

by him with some forces to Clontarf, where he burned a considerable portion of the town, especially Mr. George King's house, destroyed the boats, and afterwards dispersed the insurgents at Finglas and Santry. This wanton outrage which, as Borlase writes, was "excellently well executed," was attempted to be justified on the allegation that Mr. King, then the proprietor of the town and manor, had been one of the gentlemen of the Pale, who previously assembled at Swords, and had further abetted the pillaging of the ship. Mr. Carte comments\* in no measured terms on the atrocity of the outrage, particularly as, according to his account, Mr. King was invited into Dublin by the Lords of the Council on the day preceding the expedition, with an assurance that he might safely repair thither, "without danger of any trouble or stay whatsoever." On the other side, it is further alleged, that the principal part of the vessel's cargo, which Netterville had plundered, was found in King's house. King was immediately afterwards attainted, a reward of £400 was offered for his head, and his estates, comprising this manor, Hollybrooks, and the Island of Clontarf, stated as containing 961A. statute measure, were granted to John Blackwell, a particular favourite of Oliver Cromwell, who assigned his interest therein to John Vernon.

In 1660, Colonel Edward Vernon, son of said John, passed patent for this manor in fee, together with all anchorages, fisheries, creeks, sands, and seashores, wrecks of the sea, &c., which right was saved in subsequent acts of parliament, and still remains in his descendant. This Colonel Edward had faithfully served Kings Charles the First and Second in the wars of England and Ireland, and been a considerable sufferer thereby in his person and fortune. In the parliament of 1661 he was one of the representatives for the borough of Carlingford.

In 1670 the king presented Henry Brereton to the rectories of Clontarf and Ratheny.

In 1675, although the manor of Clontarf was of such high antiquity, the king further enlarged its jurisdiction, tenures, and courts with a grant of royalties (royal mines excepted), power to empark three hundred acres, with free warren, privilege of holding

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\* Life of Ormond, Vol. I, p. 254.

two fairs, one on the 10th of April, and the other on the 6th of October, with customs, &c.

In 1680 Adam Usher, clerk, had a grant of the impropriate tithes and altatages of this rectory (to which he was then prompted) at the annual rent of £6 2s. 6d.

In 1686 the before mentioned Colonel Edward Vernon died, seized in free and common socage of this manor, and of several estates in the counties of Derby and Stafford. He had also the honour of Tutbury, the rangership of the forest of Needwood, &c. He left two daughters, Elisa and Maria Vernon; the former died without issue.

In 1695 a petition was preferred to the Irish legislature by Mr. John Vernon of Dublin, merchant, and cousin german of the Colonel, setting forth that he had an equitable title to the manor and lands of Clontarf and Hollybrooke, with the islands and appurtenances, out of which he was unjustly kept under colour of letters patent granted to Colonel Edward Vernon, but as the petitioner alleged, in trust for him, and requiring, that as an act was preparing to confirm the Act of Settlement, he might have a saving of his right thereto, and a further saving was subsequently prayed in behalf of Charles Melville, Esq., as having considerably improved the lands of Clontarf. The rights of said John Vernon in the premises, described as lying and being in the county of Dublin and county of the city of Dublin, were accordingly afterwards decreed by the House of Lords against the heiress of said Colonel Vernon, and confirmed by act of parliament in 1698.

For a notice of Clontarf in 1697, see "Artane," in that year.

In 1712 the king presented Frederick Usher to this rectory, soon after which considerable controversy and litigation arose between the Vernon family and the Corporation of Dublin, the latter claiming title, as within their franchises, to a portion of the strand, called Crab-lough, between the shore of Clontarf and the North Bull, while the former maintained that the said tract of strand, comprising 195 acres, which they called the pool and island of Clontarf, was parcel of their manor; and certainly, in the later perambulations, the authorities did cross from Ballybough Bridge to Clontarf, and so to the Sheds of Clontarf, thenceforward to the mill of Ratheny, from which they proceeded northward 130

perches to a little brook, which they asserted was the termination of the city liberties in that direction. In 1731, however, Captain John Vernon, on his obtaining the estate, opposed the Corporation in any further attempt to enter on his manor, in a speech yet extant, from the press of George Faulkner, and of which a portion may appear interesting :—

“ My Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons, and Citizens of the City of Dublin—The residence of Mrs. Mary Vernon, deceased, late Lady of this Manor of Clontarf, for several years out of this kingdom, being only a bare tenant for life, therefore careless of the rights and liberties of said manor, hath given you for some time an opportunity of riding, with your several corporations, along this common high road, parcel of the said manor lying in the barony of Coolock and county of Dublin at large, and not within the liberties or jurisdiction of the county of the city, which arises merely from, and is the limited creature of charter and matter of record. This encroachment not being warranted by your charters, and particularly by your charter *de Libertatibus* of the second of King John, being the very essence and foundation of your liberties, in which not only the lands granted to the Knights Templars and Hospitallers are expressly exempted, though within the bounds of the city, not to be in the city's jurisdiction, but with a further saving of the lands and tenures granted by previous charter to others, by which means the several religious houses and their possessions were exempted from the city's jurisdiction, and remain in the county of Dublin to this day, as it appears by the many extant records relating thereto.

“ The liberties of your city in the north, lying most contiguous to my manor of Clontarf, are bounded (by your said charter *de libertatibus*) by the lands of Clonliffe, by the Tolke, and by the church of St. Mary, Oxmantown. \* \* \* \*

“ It perhaps has been thought a piece of prudence in your predecessors to annihilate your original charters, that you, their successors, might be the more ignorant of your real liberties, and take upon you, by riding these pretended franchises, to prescribe for imaginary and greater liberties than are by your charter warranted, and so as by confounding the estates of the city with the liberties of the city as not to know which is which, otherwise than

as your Lordship's sword cuts them out, or as the last Lord Mayor's horse informs you how far he was rode the last day ; but the law makes a wide difference between lands within the limits of a corporation and lands granted to a corporation, and makes this further distinction, that the liberties of a corporation, limited and created by charter, during the existence thereof no prescription can be pleaded for the enlarging the bounds thereof contrary to the limitation of the said charter, being the very essence and foundation, not only of the corporation, but of the liberties thereof. And it would be a manifest absurdity to imagine, that the estates or liberties of any single person could be safe, however guarded by law, if your Lordship, as to day, attended with so many thousands of mobility, so unnaturally arrayed with military equipage, was by that dreadful force to take counties and enlarge your liberties, and to plead such tumultuous and forcible riding of your pretended franchises in evidence, against the face of your charters and matter of record. If these were or could be stifled in a court of justice, indeed then your Lordship's sword might be brought in evidence at the bar, of what estates or limits of an exterior county it has cut off, and the horses of your warlike myrmidons summoned for the same purpose, to show how far they have carried the extent of your swelling city on their backs. \* \* \* \*

“ This being the first time of your attempting to ride these your pretended franchises since my being seised and possessed of this my manor of Clontarf, I therefore oppose your entrance, as Colonel Edward Vernon did, on my said manor, and discharge you therefrom, of which this road is parcel lying in the county at large ; and though as a single and private person I am not able to repel such multitudes, yet do I thus put forward my claim to preserve my rights against such force and tumult.”—This very individual was so soon afterwards as 1736 high sheriff of the county.

For a notice of Clontarf in 1732, see “ Santry ” at that year.

In 1749, the charter-school, before alluded to, was opened for one hundred boys, the king's representative having laid the first stone of the edifice ; but this, and other establishments of the same class having excited national hostility, and consequently prolonged anti-religious differences in Ireland, were, within the last few years, wisely suppressed.



In 1756 the lead mine on the adjacent strand was discovered and worked, but the overflowings of the tide prevented the prosecution of the undertaking.

In 1759 Mr. P. Ramsay bequeathed the interest of £200 to the support of the charter-school. In 1766, John Usher was presented by the crown to this rectory, on the resignation of Frederick Usher. In 1771, the Rev. John Johnson, then rector of the parish of Hollymount in the County Mayo, bequeathed £200 to the governors of the before-mentioned charter-school, "in trust and towards the support of said school." He also left £350 to the governors of the Hibernian School in the Phoenix Park, "for the use of said establishment;" a like sum of £350 to the governors of the Marine School for its use, and £200 to erect a room or ward in the hospital at Castlebar in the County Mayo.

For a notice in 1786, see at the "Liffey."

In 1811, on the resignation of John Usher, the king presented Charles Mulloy to this rectory, who has been succeeded by Mr. Hancock, the present incumbent. In 1829, Mr. Michael Keary of this town bequeathed £500 for the education of the Catholic children thereof, and the sum of £50 for its poor, while he further directed that £1000 should be applied towards building a chapel here, and £200 for the erection of a school-room. In 1833 a Loan Fund Society was established here for lending money on security, at five per cent., to such industrious poor within the parishes of Clontarf and Killester, as produced certificates of character, signed by two parishioners of known respectability. Such loans to be repaid by weekly instalments of 1s. in every pound.

In reference to its botany, Clontarf exhibits the cowslip, *primula veris*, *smyrnium olusatrum*, Alexanders, a plant of a warm aromatic quality, and used, when blanched, as a substitute for celery; *arenaria rubra*, purple sandwort; *papaver dubium*, long smooth-headed poppy; *fumaria officinalis*, common fumitory; *fumaria capreolata*, climbing fumitory;

to which Threlkeld adds *narcissus sylvestris*, wild daffodil.—In the neighbouring salt-marshes are found *scirpus maritimus*, salt-marsh club rush; *glaux maritima*, sea milk, otherwise called black saltwort; this last flowers in summer, is found everywhere from Lapland to the Archipelago, and is often used as a pickle; *chenopodium maritimum*, sea-goose foot; *apium graveolens*, wild celery; *triglochen maritimum*, sea arrow-grass; *lychnis dioica*, red or white campion, commonly called bachelor's button; *scirpus glaucus*, club rush.—On the old walls, *valeriana rubra*, red valerian; *antirrhinum cymbalaria*, ivy-leaved snap-dragon;—and on the hedges, *ligustrum vulgare*, privet.

#### THE FAMILY OF VERNON.

It is difficult to pass unnoticed a name of such high antiquity and respectability, when connected with a locality even by so modern a link as that which attaches it to this.

The Vernons deduce their pedigree from William de Vernon, who, in 1052, assumed that surname from the town and district of which he was proprietor. The former, situated in a most delightful valley on the banks of the River Seine, within the diocese of Evreux, and balliwick of Gisors. In the same year this individual adorned his native town by the erection of the noble collegiate and parochial church of Notre Dame, which he endowed with one-fourth part of the forest of Vernon, and other possessions; that fourth alone being defined as four leagues in circumference. The founder was afterwards buried in the middle of its choir, as were also many of his descendants. The cemetery is further remarkable, as that in which repose the remains of the celebrated Marechal de Belleisle.

This William de Vernon had two sons, Richard and Walter, who both came into England with the Conqueror, as suggested in Bromton's verses :

“ Vous qe desyrez assaver  
 Lea nonz des grauntz dela la mer  
 Qui vindrent od le Conquerour,  
 William Bastard de graunt vigour,

Vere et VERNOUN,  
 Verdyers et Verdoun,”

&c.                      &c.                      &c.

Richard, the elder of these warriors, was by Hugh Lupus, Earl of the County Palatine of Chester, created Baron of Shipbroke, and became, before Domesday Survey, the proprietor of fifteen manors within that county, Shipbroke being the “caput baroniæ.” Walter had lands granted to him in Cheshire and Buckinghamshire, and was a considerable benefactor to the ancient monastery of St. Werburgh’s, in Chester, from which some of the Irish religious houses were filled. He appears to have died without issue, while William, the eldest son of the before-mentioned Richard, on his decease, succeeded to his estates, and acquired others in Staffordshire, from Petronilla, the daughter of Simon le Sage, for which he gave to her two marks, and his wife one scarlet robe.

In 1152, Lewis, King of France, besieged Vernon Castle in Normandy, with a great army, for fifteen days; and, being unable to take it, entered into a secret negociation with “Richard Vernon,” to raise the king’s banner on the tower. This Richard was a lineal descendant of William of 1052, and confirmed his endowment to the church of Vernon, in the presence of his sons Baldwin and Richard. In 1191, Cardinal Allard de Vernon was sent by the Pope as legate to Antioch, to bring the Patriarch of Antioch to agree to the canons. In 1195, in pursuance of an agreement entered into between Richard the First, King of England, and Philip Augustus, King of France, Vernon was, with its castle and other dependencies, granted to the latter by its then owner, Richard de Vernon and his son Richard, in exchange for other lands, rated at five knights’ fees, since which time Vernon was honoured with a royal palace, and frequently made part of the appanage of the French queens. Parts of this palace and of the ancient castle yet remain.

In 1209, and subsequent years, a Richard de Vernon was she-

riff of Lancashire. In 1214, William de Vernon was one of the Justices in Eyre, and in 1230, Chief Justice of Chester. He is considered the ancestor of the Vernons of Harlesdon, Haddon, Sudbury, Hilton, and, in a word, of all the legitimate lines of this family and name now existing. His immediate descendants extended their possessions in that century into Berkshire, Yorkshire, Cumberland, and Wiltshire; and one of them, by marriage with the daughter of William Peverel, became proprietor of the Peak. Vernons are also found in this century in Oxfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Essex, Hampshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, and Surrey.

In 1265 the king granted to Eleanor, the consort of Prince Edward, amongst other manors, that of Haddon, as forfeited by Richard de Vernon. An inquisition of 1288 finds that Richard de Vernon holds Merphull and Wibreslegh, by service of free forestry, and was to attend the king on summons, and follow his standard with the same arms with which he kept his bailiwick of the forest of Macclesfield. In 1293, King Edward the First, on the marriage of Richard, the son of the last mentioned Richard de Vernon, with Eleanor de Frenas, granted to them the manor of Rochelive in special tail, with remainder to Richard, the father. Other members of the family had then extended themselves into Devonshire, Gloucestershire, Huntingdonshire, Kent, Staffordshire, and Leicestershire.

In 1294, Robert de Vernon, of Wiltshire, was summoned to attend a muster and military council at Worcester for service against the Welch; and again, in 1297, to the muster at Sandwich, for the war in Flanders; and at Newcastle for that in Scotland. In the latter year Ralph de Vernon was summoned, as a landed proprietor in Oxford, to perform military service in parts beyond the seas; while his son was appointed to raise the levies in Cheshire; and Richard de Vernon, as a landed proprietor in the counties of Oxford and Derby, had similar summons against the Scotch. In 1300 Robert de Vernon was one of the Justices of Oyer and Terminer, assigned in the county of Wilts, and in 1301, Richard de Vernon was summoned, as a landed proprietor in Staffordshire, to perform military service in person against the Scots. In 1314, Ralph de Vernon, lord of the townships of Han-

well, Drayton, and Mollington, in the county of Oxford, was summoned to perform military service against the Scots. In 1322, Hamo de Vernon was required, as a landed proprietor in Cambridgeshire, to do service against the Scots; while in 1324 Richard de Vernon, of Staffordshire, was summoned to attend a great council.

In 1329, Richard de Vernon was found seised of Harleston, in Staffordshire, with free warren, market and fair, little Appleby, in Leicestershire, Adstock and Pitchcote in Buckinghamshire, &c.; and in 1338 was seised, in right of his wife Matilda, one of the heiresses of her father William de Campville, of a moiety of the manor of Lanstephen, in Caermarthenshire.

In the reign of Edward the Third, Sir William de Vernon, a lineal ancestor of the present Lord Vernon, was chief justice of Chester. A descendant of his, Sir Richard Vernon, was, in 1403, speaker of the parliament held at Leicester, and afterwards constituted treasurer of Calais.

In 1403, Sir Richard Vernon, Baron of Shipbroke, was one of the chieftains of the army of the Percys at Shrewsbury. He was taken prisoner, and, on the Monday following, with the Earl of Worcester and the Baron of Kinderton, condemned and beheaded. This Sir Richard, besides the other ordinarily enumerated possessions of the family, was seised of considerable estates and manors in Glamorganshire. The Vernons were also landed proprietors, to a large extent, in Lancashire at this time, and long subsequently.

Sir William Vernon, of Lord Vernon's lineal ancestry, was also treasurer of Calais and constable of England for life, being the last who was permitted to hold that great dignity, it being looked upon as too important for a subject. He died in 1467, and was buried in the before-mentioned church of Notre Dame at Vernon. In 1500, Sir Henry Vernon, who had been previously governor and treasurer to Prince Arthur, eldest son and heir apparent of Henry the Seventh, and afterwards his counsellor for the management of Wales, officially signed the marriage articles between that Prince and the Princess Catherine of Spain, and there is a tradition that the prince frequently lived with Sir Henry, at his noble seat of Haddon in Derbyshire, where there is a cham-

ber denominated his apartment, and, in which, his arms are carved in several places.

In 1524, and again in 1535 and 1546, Thomas Vernon of Stoke-Say Castle was high sheriff of Shropshire. He was a younger son of the great family of the Vernons of Haddon, and ancestor of the present Lord Scarsdale. In 1528 Sir John Vernon of Sudbury was of the king's council for Wales, *custos rotulorum* of Derbyshire and sheriff of that county and of Nottinghamshire.

In 1565 died Sir George Vernon of Haddon, celebrated by Camden "for his magnificent manner of living, his house open to all men of worth, and his commendable hospitality, whence he acquired, among the common people, the name of King of the Peak." By his daughters and heiresses his noble estate, consisting of thirty lordships, came to John Manners of the family of the Earl of Rutland, and Thomas Stanley of that of the Earls of Derby. The male line of the Vernons was, however, continued by the younger sons of Sir Henry Vernon, from the fourth of whom, Humphrey Vernon of Hodnet, the present Lord Vernon is descended, who also represents the Vernons of Haslington, and those of Sudbury in the female line. About the year 1588 was born of the Haddon line, William Vernon, the historian of Warwickshire, justly celebrated for his skill, zeal, and systematic industry. In 1622 Sir George Vernon was one of the judges of the Common Pleas in England, and afterwards a Baron of the Exchequer. In 1653 died John Vernon of Little Bileigh in Essex, who, having been for many years of his life a Greek or Turkey merchant, brought from the ruins of Smyrna a tombstone, under which he and his wife lie buried in the chancel of the Abbey of Bileigh. Amongst the English gentlemen, who compounded for their estates during the Commonwealth, were Henry Vernon of Haslington in Cheshire, and Edward Vernon of Hanbury in Worcestershire.

In the year 1669 Mr. Francis Vernon, of the Worcestershire family, was secretary to Mr. Ralph Montagu, afterwards Duke of Montagu, ambassador extraordinary to Lewis the 14th of France. This gentleman was a great traveller over various parts of Europe and Asia, and has left behind him several tracts and a journal of

his travels ; he perished about the year 1677 in Persia, having been literally hacked to pieces by some of the Arabs. In 1670 George Vernon was appointed ranger of that magnificent tract, Needwood forest, an office which has long continued in the family. It was he who built the noble seat of the family at Sudbury, after the style of Inigo Jones.

In 1697 Mr. James Vernon, of the Haslington line, was appointed secretary of state, and filled that high station during the remainder of the reign of King William. It is said of him, "that never any secretary of state wrote so many letters with his own hand as he, nor in a better style." He died in 1726, and was buried at Watford, where is a fine mural monument to his memory. In 1709 died Sir Thomas Vernon, who had for many years been one of the representatives of the city of London in parliament.

In 1710, and subsequent years, flourished Thomas Vernon of the Worcestershire line, a lawyer whom Lord Kenyon characterized as "the ablest man in his profession." He was secretary to the unfortunate Duke of Monmouth, and compiler of the "Reports of Cases in Chancery, from 33 Car. 2 to 5 Geo. 1." In 1739 the illustrious Admiral Edward Vernon achieved the capture of Porto Bello ; for which daring exploit he received the thanks of both houses of parliament. He was the second son of James, the secretary, and of the Staffordshire line of this family. He died in 1757, in the 73rd year of his age, and has a noble monument to his memory in Westminster Abbey.

In 1762 George Venables Vernon, of Sudbury, was created a peer of Great Britain, by the style and title of Lord Vernon, Baron of Kinderton, in the county of Chester, and has transmitted the dignities to the present lord. All that appears worthy of notice, respecting the Irish line, has been stated in the above article.

From the before mentioned castle, recently erected at the extremity of the village of Clontarf, a very pretty winding road, intersected by green lanes, enlivened with houses and villas for the accommodation of bathers in the better days of this suburb, and com-

manding delightful vistas of the bay and opposite mountains, leads to the Sheds of Clontarf, a place so denominated from several sheds or pent-houses, originally constructed there for persons employed in preserving fish. A few houses, once of fashionable resort, still maintain the name, though the Sheds have long since vanished with the good days of the fishermen. A commodious rectangular chapel has been built here, principally upon the bequest of Mr. Keary, before alluded to. A handsome porch projects seventeen feet from the building.

Continuing along the beach a pier is seen at the right, erected as a breakwater for the service of the harbour, and extending a considerable distance into the bay; the space between the shore and the sand bank of the North Bull, which the mole traverses, being connected by a wooden bridge on piles, that admit the ingress and egress of the tide. "The mole," remarks Mr. Armstrong, in his little work on Fingal, "is firmly constructed of rough rock, and for about two miles of its extent is topped by square masses or blocks, and the glacis next the current faced with cut stone, but the remaining part is merely composed of rock and shingle thrown in promiscuously, constituting, however, a strong and effective breakwater. It was constructed between the years 1820 and 1823, and from the shore to its termination extends a mile and three-fifths, or 3,200 feet; the intention principally was to accelerate the current of the retiring tide waters of the Liffey, and, by confining them at the outlet, consequently augmenting their



force so as to free the channel of impediments from sediment or other obstructions. The works are apparently yet in an unfinished state, and the completion of the original design seems to be given up, but the intention is perfectly fulfilled, a strong current is created which has forced a straight passage through the bar, and the harbour is not now so difficult of access as formerly."

The broad strip of wavy sand, alluded to as commonly called the North Bull, is covered with a sickly verdure, and occupies all the line between this shore and the regular bay of Dublin, into which, shooting its tail athwart the entrance of the Liffey, it forms the bar, on the shoal part of which there are from six to seven feet at low water of ordinary springs. This insulated sand bank abounds with *eryngium maritimum*, sea holly, and *sedum acre*, stone crop, while the conchologist, who visits it after particular tides, will be rewarded with a choice variety of shells. The shores of Clontarf abound with the muscle, of whose digestive services Horace is so laudatory—

"Si dura morabitur alvus,  
Mitylus et viles pellent obstantia conchæ."

A wild, high-banked skirt of shore, fringed with some neat cottages and villas, leads from "the Sheds" to Blackbush, the seat of Mr. Guinness, and thence to Killbarrock. On the shore side of this road the botanist will find *fedia olitoria*, lamb's lettuce, *salvia verbenaca*, wild clary, *festuca elatior*, great fescue grass, *arundo phragmites*, common reed, useful in screens, for gardens, also as a foundation for plaster

in ceilings, thatch for barns, cottages, and outhouses, and for various other purposes. In the eastern counties of England it is considered so valuable, that the farmer feels necessitated to send out boats and men with fire-arms to scare away the birds from its welcome shelter. As the evening begins to close, however, clouds of starlings approach from various quarters, in numbers exceeding belief, to pass the night in the reeds, and lighting in myriads, like the locusts of the east, upon this flexible plant, they crush it to the water, lodging and beating it down as grain after a storm; and, though the guns of the boatmen sweep them away by hundreds, the survivors are so drowsy that they remain stationary, or move only a few yards from the bodies of their slaughtered companions, and return on the ensuing evening in numbers not apparently diminished, and with a total oblivion of the carnage of the preceding night. *Triticum loliaceum*, dwarf sea wheat grass, also abounds here; *dipsacus silvestris*, wild teasel; *plantago maritima*, sea plantain, of which species Darwin writes—

“With strange deformity *Plantago* treads  
A monster birth, and lifts his hundred heads”—

*lithospermum officinale*, common groundsel; *beta maritima* sea beet; *salsola kali*, prickly saltwort, which is frequently substituted for *chenopodium maritimum*, and as such used in glass manufactories, although the soda obtained from it is not equal to that of some other species of *salsola*; *coriandrum sativum*, coriander, flowering in July; *silene maritima*, sea campion, or catchfly, of which Darwin writes—

"The fell *Silene* and her sisters fair,  
 Skilled in destruction, spread the viscous snare ;"—

*arenaria peploides*, sea sandwort ; *glaucum luteum*, yellow horned poppy ; *thalictrum minus*, lesser meadow rue ; *cochlearia officinalis*, common scurvy-grass ; *cochlearia Danica*, Danish scurvy-grass ; *cakile maritima*, sea rocket ; *brassica napus*, rape ; *geranium dissectum*, jagged leaved crane's-bill ; *malva sylvestris*, common mallow, abounding with a pure mucilage, and possessing, though in a milder degree, the emollient qualities of the marsh-mallow. In Horace's time it was an article of diet,

"*Me pascunt olivæ,*  
*Me cichorea levesque malvæ.*"

The Chinese eat the leaves of mallow either raw as salad, or boiled as spinach ; *aster tripolium*, sea starwort ; *pyrethrum maritimum*, sea feverfew ; *juncus uliginosus*, little bulbous rush ; *juncus acutus*, great sharp rush ; *juncus bulbosus*, round fruited rush, and *cerastium arvense*, field chickweed ; *scirpus glaucus*, glaucous club-rush, flowering in August. On the high banks at the land side of this route, are found *sambucus nigra*, common elder ; *thymus serpyllum*, wild thyme ; *vicia lathyroides*, spring vetch ; *trifolium arvense*, hare's-foot trefoil ; *trifolium scabrum*, rough rigid trefoil ; *sonchus arvensis*, corn sow thistle ; *linum angustifolium*, narrow-leaved pale flax.—In the fields between Clontarf and Ratheny grow the *Narcissus biflorus*, pale Narcissus, or primrose peerless, much valued for its beauty and scent, though the latter soon becomes oppressive in a room ; also, the *juncus*

*compressus*, round fruited rush; *bromus secalinus*, smooth rye brome-grass.—While the ditches between Clontarf and Beldoyle present the *scrophularia nodosa*, knotty-rooted figwort, &c.

In the geological department, it is to be remarked, that near Clontarf is a bed of *cimolite*, of a greyish white and pearl grey colour, friable, and intimately allied with fullers' earth; *galena* is also met with here in calp, as is *blende*, partly of a brown, partly of a hyacinth red colour, and beautifully crystalized in octohedrons and dodekahedrons.

Immediately beyond Blackbush, a turn at left conducts, by Mr. Papworth's cottage *ornée*, to the picturesquely situated little village of

#### RATHENY,

so denominated from the rath, the remains of which are still traceable opposite its church. Antiquarians, however, may regret that this, like others, is vastly curtailed of its fair proportions, the soil of such tumuli being found an excellent refreshment for tillage lands.

Of these raths or duns, as they are indifferently called in the Irish language, several are seen dispersed through different parts of Ireland, but, as in outward appearance they have much in common with the moats or funeral mounds, it is, sometimes, difficult to distinguish them. The latter, are, however, all artificial erections, smaller and more precipitate, and consequently wear the appearance of greater height, while

the former are a work of art, grafted, as it were, on nature, exercised in commanding situations, cut out of the hill, not raised from the plain, and in fosses, ramparts, and entrenchments, even still presenting the similitude of "grim-visaged war." In these raths, at the era of their origin, the habitations of the chief of the district and his family were constantly placed, consisting in general only of small buildings constructed of earth and hurdles. They are popularly called Danish structures, but are recorded as existing before the Danes had settled in this island, and in localities to which their incursions cannot be traced; while some of them bear evidence on their summits, in cromlechs and stone circles, of that heathen religion which had wholly ceased before the period of Danish tyranny. Their dimensions are various, but their forms almost always round or oval, and some have caves of considerable extent hollowed within them.\* One of this description shall be spoken of hereafter at "Lucan."

A pretty but nameless little rivulet, which rises near St. Margaret's, after passing by Harristown, Sillock, Ballymun, Santry demesne and Coolock, winds through the valley near which this town has been built, and, rippling by what is called the manor house, formerly celebrated for the valuable flowers of its garden when in the occupation of the late Mr.

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\* See D'Alton's *Essay on the Ancient History, &c. of Ireland*, p. 126, &c. in the 1st Part of the XVI.th vol. of the *Royal Irish Academy's Transactions*.

Cave, empties itself into the sea near Mr. Papworth's cottage, where the parish mill formerly stood.

The church of Ratheny is a plain structure in good repair, standing on a rising ground. It was rebuilt in 1712, as a stone inserted in the wall indicates, and was originally dedicated to St. Assan. The interior is well preserved, but entirely destitute of embellishment. It has two mural slabs of black and white marble, commemorating respectively members of the Harrison and Finn families. At the west end is an elevated pier, perforated with niches, in one of which is placed the bell. The churchyard is bordered by several very ancient trees. In it are monuments to Edmund Archbold, who died in 1711, one to Robert Harrison of the city of Dublin, who died in 1769, a monument for the relatives of Mr. Law, formerly a banker in Dublin, another for the Grogan family, &c.

The parish takes its name from the village, borders on the sea, and, according to the Trigonometrical Survey, comprises 920A. 1R. 19P. In the Protestant establishment it is a single benefice, an undivided rectory, in the deanery of Finglas, and patronage of the crown, and has an excellent glebe-house near the village, with a glebe of fifty-six acres. In the Roman Catholic arrangement, it is, as before mentioned, included in the union of Clontarf.—The population of this parish, together with the village, was returned in 1821 as 505 persons, and in 1831 as 608. Lord Howth is the chief proprietor of the fee herein; the average rent of land, on modern lettings, varies

from £4 to £5; and a cabin without land is hired at from 2s. to 3s. per week, the wages\* of labour being 16d. per day.

Ratheny has been already mentioned as the boundary of the city jurisdiction in this direction, and there is a stone built into the angle of Mr. Papworth's cottage here, which was evidently intended to denote that circumstance. It has carved upon it the arms of the Howth family, with a tower in the dexter chief of the field, possibly the ancient arms of the city of Dublin, the date 1572, the initials C. E. denoting (it is to be presumed) Civitas Eblana.

A great portion of the townland originally appertained to the Priory of the Holy Trinity, in Dublin, i. e. Christ Church, while king Henry the Second granted, or it would rather appear confirmed to the abbey of the Blessed Virgin, (*inter alia*) other lands in Ratheny, with all their appurtenances, and all shipwrecks, together with sac and soc, toll and them, infangthef, outfangthef, and all liberties and free customs.† The former religious house thereupon exchanged the principal part of their estates here with the latter for other possessions.‡

A section of Ratheny was, about the same time, granted by Earl Strongbow "as fully as Gilcolm had previously held the same," to John de Courcy, the celebrated chieftain, who had received from King Henry, while in Ireland, a grant of the province of Ulster, with the very necessary proviso, that he should first reduce it by the force of his arms. And here, in the vicinity of his sworn comrade, Sir Armoricus St. Lawrence, in the very view of those mountains of Mourne, which overlooked his future possessions, this rugged soldier assembled around him the fiery spirits

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\* It may be here observed, that all statements of the wages of labour in this work, imply wages without food.

† Dugdale's *Monasticon Anglicanum*.

‡ *Repertorium Viride*.

whom Fitz Adelm's administration had almost frightened from their allegiance. He won their willing aid by the promise of settlements for themselves in the unexplored regions of the north, while even the chivalrous St. Lawrence proffered his men at arms for the extension of his friend's possessions and power.

In vain did the invidious Lord Deputy, by an arbitrary order, forbid de Courcy to prosecute the realization of the royal grant; the prohibition was slighted. Having strengthened his resources by marrying the daughter of Gotred, King of Man, he proceeded from Ratheny, in the summer of 1182, at the head of his adventurous party, with all the bearing of chivalry, and, glittering in polished armour, his white charger curveting under him, while he inflamed yet more the hopes of his associates by the then peculiarly exciting suggestion of Merlin's current prophecies, that a knight in such accoutrements was destined to be the conqueror of Ulster. The annals of the North, during his visitation, are the history of his successful carnage. The unwearied perseverance with which he overran that fine province, well evinces how difficult it is to sheath the sword that has been familiarized with victory. Every where his course was traced by ruined districts, depopulated villages, and desecrated churches.

The reader of such events, and of others more legitimately connected with this work, may be induced to wonder at the moral contradiction exhibited in the characters of the leading Welch adventurers of this period, their cruelty and their piety, their superstition and their sacrilege, their burning of one church and founding of another. The policy of the invasion, however, explains these acts. Religious establishments, possessed by natives, were invaded as the property of an enemy, while a portion of the plunder was appropriated to the establishing of similar houses for English subjects exclusively, as useful allies for the reduction of the country. As an instance of this policy in de Courcy, he destroyed the abbey of Carrick, and applied its revenues to the foundation of a monastery for Cistercian monks, whom he brought over from the celebrated establishment at Furness. He subsequently in the same spirit dispossessed the canons of the cathedral church of Down, and replaced them by Benedictine monks from the abbey of St. Werburgh, in Chester. Another of these



spiritual garrisons he established at Tobberglory, and another at Neddrum, in which he settled English monks from Cumberland.

In 1189 Pope Clement the Third confirmed to the abbey of the Blessed Virgin the grant of their possessions here, which King John further renewed, describing the premises as "the lands of Ratheny with the chapel, &c."

In the beginning of the thirteenth century, Sir John de Courcy, an illegitimate son of the before-mentioned Sir John, was Lord of Ratheny and Killbarrock. This was the individual whom Walter de Lacy Lord of Meath, and Hugh de Lacy Earl of Ulster, caused to be murdered, in 1208, suspecting him to be a spy over their actions, and to have made grievous complaints against them to the king; on account of which such confusions occurred as obliged the monarch to come over in person to Ireland, and, for the restoration of peace, to banish the de Lacys in 1211.

In the fourteenth century the Palmer family were settled here.

At the dissolution the abbey of the Blessed Virgin continued seised of a messuage and thirty acres of land here, estimated as of no value; and had also appropriate to it the rectory of Ratheny, then valued at £6 13s. 4d. annually.\* About this time the St. Lawrence family acquired their title in this locality, under, as it would appear, the dean and chapter of Christ Church; and accordingly in 1551 Sir John Plunket of Bewly was, on inquisition, found seised of a house and ten acres here, which he held of the Lord of Howth as of the manor of Howth,† and in 1591 a recovery was suffered to the use of the St. Lawrence family of the towns and lands of Ratheny, Rathmoney, Balhodge, Stapolin, &c.

The regal visitation in 1615 reports the rectory of Ratheny as impropriate, that the tithes were granted to Thomas Wingfield, who was bound by recognisance to repair the chancel, and adds, that John Credlan was curate there.

In 1606, Nicholas Lord Howth died seised of Ratheny, 60A.; Ramony, Ballydodge, Stapolin, and Oberston, 20A.; Jordans-town, Muchroan, Middleroan, and Littleroan, 100A.; Scollards-town, 30A.; Athfallen, 10A.; Knockesprackleston, Gallonston,

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\* Inquis. in Ch. Rememb. Off.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

Hodgestown, greater Tyrrelstown, lesser Tyrrelstown, Milwardstown, Colcot, and Calliaghton, 300A. ; Kittaghstown, Loughbran, and Moyne, 100A. ; Ratheny being there stated as so held by him under the dean and chapter of Christ Church, Stapolin from the king, in capite, by knight's service, and the remainder from Peter Barnewall, as of his manor of Balrothery. In 1625 Peter Delahoyde of Punchestown in the County Kildare, died seised of two messuages and 120 acres here, which he held of the king by knight's service.\* For a notice in 1639, see at "Coolock."

In 1641 the Earl of Ormond was directed to disperse the insurgents who had assembled here and at Killbarrock. (See *post*, at "Killbarrock.")

In the forfeitures incident to the civil wars of that period, Charles Viscount Fitz Harding had a grant of 106 acres in Ratheny, (with certain savings of rights under decrees to John Delahoyde and James Grace,)<sup>†</sup> of which said Charles died seised in 1672.<sup>‡</sup> Lord Fitz Harding's portion appears to have been theretofore the estate of John Talbot of Robertstown in the County Meath, and forfeited by him in 1641.§

Part of the village and a few acres adjacent came subsequently into the possession of a member of the Grace family, who is said to have rebuilt the house now in the occupation of Mr. Sweetman. For a record of Ratheny in 1670, see "Clontarf" at that year.

In 1680 the king presented Patrick Grattan to this rectory, who was succeeded in 1703 by John Grattan, he in 1731 by Marmaduke Phillips, and he in 1735 by Ralph Cocking, all on similar presentation. For a notice in 1732, see at "Santry."

In 1774 William Shaw succeeded Cocking as rector of Ratheny, and was himself succeeded by George Stevenson in 1796; Latham Coddington was next presented to this benefice in 1802, Doctor Richard Graves in 1809, Francis Fox in 1814, and the Hon. George Gore in 1821, all by royal presentation.

In latter times, in perambulating the franchises as before alluded to, the city officers assumed to shape their course from

\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

† Pat. 19 Char. 2. in Rolls Office.

‡ Inquis. in Canc. Hib. § *ib.*

Ballybough Bridge along the strand to Clontarf, thenceforward to the mill of Ratheny, and from the mill northward 130 perches to a little brook, which they set up as the extent of their liberties. The claim was, however, resisted as an intrusion by the Vernon family, as before mentioned at "Clontarf."

In 1802 Mr. Dick left £30 of the Irish currency of that time per annum, (erroneously stated as £40 British in the Education Report of 1835,) as an endowment for a school here for poor children of all religious persuasions. This grant is paid out of the rental of a crescent of eight small cottages in the village, and, if at any time that rental should fall short of the specified annuity, it is to be made good out of other properties of the testator. In 1818 Mrs. Anne Preston bequeathed, amongst other charitable legacies, £100 to be laid out at interest, and such interest to be applied for the poor of this parish.

In the neighbourhood of Ratheny is Violet Hill, the handsome seat of Mr. Mac Conchy, from whose groves, when visited for the purpose of this work, the first cuckoo of the season, with hollow and apparently distant voice, was summoning its silent mate from the remoter copse of the valley.

The botany of this vicinity may be thus classified. Common about it grow *hordeum pratense*, meadow barley; a variety of the *primula veris*, with scarlet flowers, *thlaspi arvense*, penny cress, *fumaria officinalis*, common fumitory, *fumaria capreolata*, climbing fumitory, *polygala vulgaris*, milkwort, *ulex Europæus*, common furze, *lathyrus pratensis*, meadow vetchling, *picris echinoides*, bristly ox-tongue, *apargia hirta*, deficient hawk-bit, *senecio tenuifoliis*, hoary ragwort, and *listera ovata*, common tway blade.—In the fields and on the banks are found *orchis pyramidalis*, pyramidal orchis, *orchis morio*, green-winged orchis, *orchis maculata*, spotted palmate orchis—

“With blushes bright as morn fair orchis charms”—

*poterium sanguisorba*, salad burnet, a choice salad herb for winter and spring use, it being of a warm nature; the young leaves are the useful parts. The chief property that gives value to this plant is its hardy nature, keeping green all the winter, and its early growth. If left uncut (says Sinclair) in autumn, it will afford green food from October till April.—In the adjacent wet ditches the *callitriche verna*, vernal water-starwort, exhibits “its starry eye and radiant hair.” *Epilobium parviflorum*, small flowered willow herb, is also found in the same situation.—The corn-fields shew specimens of *chrysanthemum segetum*, corn marigold; the gravel pits *papaver hybridum*, round rough-headed poppy. In the waste grounds is found *anthemis cotula*, fetid chamomile; in the hedges *clematis vitalba*, common traveller’s joy; and near the church, *matricharia chamomilla*, wild chamomile, flourishes abundantly; while between Ratheny and the sea, near the late residence of Mr. Cave, are found *myrrhis temulenta*, rough cow parsley, *sium angustifolium*, narrow-leaved water parsnip, *ranunculus lingua*, great spearwort crowfoot, *draba verna*, common whitlow grass, and *rosa spinosissima*, the burnet rose.

From Ratheny to Howth, the road passes over the dreary sandy isthmus which connects that hill with the mainland, uncultivated, and, it would seem, incapable of cultivation. About midway on the road side, and close to the sea-shore, appear the not uninteresting remains of the church of

## KILLBARROCK,

a townland, deriving its name, like all those of Irish topography, from the presence of such an edifice, "Kill."

Unretarded by wall, or ditch, or fence, the visiter, gliding amongst a few sodded and slippery graves, and firming his steps by the headstones and crosses that distinguish them, finds himself in the once votive chapel of the mariners who frequented the bay, and at whose altar, on their arrival, they had prayers offered up for the souls of those of their messmates who had perished at sea; a dutiful comemmoration, which, however some may deem superstition, is the sublimest link in the religion of the Roman Catholic—the link that prolongs communion with the parent, the relative, and the friend, on whom this world has closed for ever.

The architectural appearance of this chapel is not imposing, only exhibiting some circular and pointed arches, without any visible remains of a steeple or belfry; the vistas and sections of prospect, however, as framed by the arches and windows of the ruins, afford a series of views which cannot fail to gratify the commonest observer, and even well to recompense the draughtsman. A broken tombstone in the grave-yard has now ceased to record the once celebrated Higgins, the first establisher of the *Freeman's Journal*, and well known by the soubriquet of the sham Squire; nor are there any other monuments here to reward inquiry; but there were some living

adventitious charms in the scene, deeply emblematic of its more solemn associations. The butterflies were flitting over the narrow homes of the departed, the waves were breaking in sullen murmurs along the shore, "fretting their hour" ere the ebb, while

"From the green waving corn  
The lark spreads his wings,  
And hails as he sings  
The fresh glow of the morn ;  
With pinions replenished he hovers on high,  
And so far sends his song from the blue vaulted sky,  
You would think the shrill note, as he soars from your view,  
To his dear native earth bade for ever adieu ;  
But his eye is still fixed where his wing shall repose,  
And, though heavenward his flight  
He upholds with delight,  
Yet with rapture he darts to the spot whence he rose."

The maritime parish of Killbarrock contains, according to the Trigonometrical Survey, 740A. OR. 13P. and ranks as a chapelry without glebe or glebe-house, in the union of Howth, both in the Protestant and Catholic dispensations. Its population is considered as about 190 persons, of whom 145 are stated to be Catholics. This, together with the parish of Howth, has compounded for tithes to the incumbent, at £231 per annum. Lord Howth is the proprietor of the fee, but the parish is accounted within the manor and jurisdiction of Grange Gorman.

The chapel here, more anciently called Mone, originally belonged to the monastery of the Blessed Virgin, but was by its fraternity exchanged for the tithes of Ballyboghil, whereupon Killbarrock was annexed to the Prebend of Howth.\*

At the commencement of the thirteenth century, Sir John de.

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\* Alan Reg.

Courcy, mentioned before at Ratheny, bore the title of Lord of Killbarrock; the lands, however, and manor appear at this early period to have passed from the Tuite family, who had a grant of them immediately after the English invasion, to the Lords of Howth, who held by the tenure of rendering a pair of furred gloves to the King, being the service theretofore reserved and paid by the Tuites,\* while other inquisitions state the fee to be in the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church.

In 1538 Christopher Lord St. Lawrence had license to convey to trustees "the manor of Howth, with the appurtenances in Stapolin, Killbarrock, and Killester," the three Ronans, Whitetown, Parnellstown, Kittaghstown, the Ward, &c.† and levied fines thereof in 1541.

At the time of the dissolution it was found on inquisition that the tithes of Killbarrock were payable out of the townlands of Killbarrock and Little Main, worth annually £6 15s., besides the altarages, which were assigned for the curate, while the farmer of the tithe was bound to repair the chancel.‡ It was also found that the priory of All Hallows was possessed of fourteen acres here.§

In 1606 Nicholas Lord Howth died, seised of six messuages and eighty acres here, twenty-five in Gigmalin, two messuages and fifty-nine acres in Boranstown, &c.

In 1641 a special proclamation issued from the Castle, announcing that "divers of the inhabitants of Clontarf, Ratheny, and Killbarrock, had declared themselves rebels, and that, having robbed and spoiled some of his Majesty's good subjects, they had assembled thereabouts in arms in great numbers, mustering and training of their rebellious multitudes, as well at land as at sea;" it was therefore ordered that a party of soldiers should be sent out to endeavour to cut them off, and to burn and spoil their houses and goods, and further to cause their boats and vessels there to be brought up "to the new crane at Dublin, and to burn or sink such as they could not so bring up."

Of the extent of this parish on survey in 1754, see "Howth" at that year.

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\* Charter Roll 9 John. Tur. Lond.

† Roll. in Canc. Hib.

‡ Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

§ Ib.

About Killbarrock the botanist will find *cynoglossum officinale*, common hound's tongue; *lycopsis arvensis*, small bugloss; *hyoscyamus niger*, common henbane, whose seeds, leaves, and roots are poisonous; neither horses, cows, sheep, nor swine will eat of it; fowl picking it in quantity die, whence its name of henbane; and it is asserted that the leaves scattered about a house will even banish mice. There are also found here *erythræa centaureum*, common centaury; *cerastium arvense*, field mouse ear chickweed; *spergula arvensis*, corn spurrey; *papaver hybridum*, round rough headed poppy; *erodium cicutarium*, hemlock stocks bill; *sonchus arvensis*, corn sow thistle; *apargia hirta*, deficient hawkbit; *apargia autumnalis*, autumnal hawkbit; *trifolium scabrum*, rough rigid trefoil. In the fields near it *myosotis versicolor*, yellow and blue scorpion grass, *viola tricolor*, the pansy violet, or heart's ease; *fumaria capreolata*, climbing fumitory; *viola lutea*, yellow pansy; *saxifraga granulata*, white meadow saxifrage; *vicia sativa*, common vetch, an excellent fodder for horses, it is also remarked that pigeons are very fond of the seeds, which in some parts of Sweden enter into the composition of bread, either alone or mixed with the flower of rye; *crepis biennis*, rough hawk's beard; *chrysanthemum segetum*, corn marigold; *orchis pyramidalis*, pyramidal orchis; *papaver Rhæas*, common red poppy, of which the so much admired double French poppy of the gardens is a species; *papaver somniferum*, white poppy; *lychnis dioica*, red or white campion, of which the double red French campion of the gardens is a species; *agros-*



*tema githago*, corn cockle, flowering in June and July; *trifolium maritimum*, sea trefoil, flowering in June.—In the marshes behind Kilbarrock church, *arundo phragmites*, common reed; and *gnaphalium uliginosum*, marsh everlasting. On the walls or about the ruins of the church, *euphorbia Portlandica*, Portland spurge, flowering late in August; *carduus marianus*, milk thistle, which here attains a height of five or six feet. The young stalks, says Rutty, are eaten raw, and the heads are used as artichokes; *cerastium semidecandrum*, little mouse ear chickweed; *papaver argemone*, long prickly headed poppy; *fumaria capreolata*, ramping fumitory.—On the hedges, *trifolium officinale*, melilot, and *picris echinoides*, bristly ox tongue.—On the sea shore, *lepidium ruderale*, narrow-leaved pepperwort, and *viola hirta*, hairy violet. While between this and Beldoyle grows *orchis mascula*, early purple orchis; and in the waste grounds on the way to Howth, *gnaphalium Germanicum*, common cudweed, and *arctium lappa*, common burdock or clott burr, the outer scales of whose calyx so constantly adhere to animals, clothes, or any soft substances with which they come in contact.

Continuing along the shore from Killbarrock to Sutton, the *barnacles* were seen in dusky groups floating over the shallow waters, and occasionally diving for their favourite food, the roots of aquatic plants. This strand, however, does not afford much of their genial diet, and accordingly the flesh of the bird is here rank and unsavoury. Occasionally, too, a lonely

heron may be seen basking in the sun, with her pendent, as if almost dislocated, wings.

SUTTON,

the next locality, is situated in the parish of Howth, and on the ascent of its hill; Lord Howth and Mr. Newcomen are proprietors of the fee. Rent is about £4 per acre, while the labourer's wages is 8s. per week.

Here is one of the oyster beds which supply the metropolis, it is not, however, of natural growth, but renewed from Arklow, as the consumption may require. The oysters, when first deposited, are of a gelatinous consistence, and very small, not much above two inches in diameter, but being laid down gradually increase in bulk and hardness. Muscles are also taken in quantities here. Beyond the oyster beds is one of those singular monuments of former jobbing, a martello tower, above which is seen the romantic and improved villa of Mr. Kildahl, a spot of emerald verdure on the brown face of the promontory.

Of the geology of Sutton a contemporary takes the following notice :—

“ A bed of dolomite, accompanied by greyish limestone, which first appears at a few points to the south of Skerries, after dipping beneath the sands of Portmarnock and Malahide, re-appears near the harbour of Howth. This same bed, sweeping round the base of the promontory, is next found near Sutton, at its south-western point. Here it is quarried,

and hence at no distant period it was exported to England, where the magnesian earth was extracted from it, and converted into a series of valuable preparations. The following is an outline of the process, by the prosecution of which Dr. Henry of Manchester is said to have realized a splendid fortune: The dolomite, which consists of a mixture of carbonate of lime and carbonate of magnesia, is broken into fragments of the size of an egg, and burned as usual in a common kiln. By this process the carbonic acid or fixed air is expelled, and the earths remain. Upon a known weight of these, such a quantity of pyroligneous acid is next digested, as is inferred from previous experiment to be exactly adequate to the saturation of the lime. This latter earth, in virtue of its superior affinity, is exclusively taken up, and washed off in the form of acetate of lime; and the magnesia left behind is converted into sulphate or Epsom salt, which is purified by processes well known to the practical chemist. From the purified Epsom, the carbonate of magnesia is easily thrown down by the addition of a suitable quantity of an alkaline carbonate, and from the carbonate the calcined magnesia is obtained, by the application of the minimum degree of heat necessary for the expulsion of the carbonic acid. The impure acetate of lime, also, formed in the commencement of the process, is a product of considerable value. When subjected to a gentle torrefaction, so as to destroy the bitumen which adheres to it, it yields, when properly treated with oil of vitriol, acetic acid in its purest form, and of any degree of strength

which the manufacturer may choose. It is, in fact, possible, by a modification of this process, to procure it so strong as to include but 15 per cent. of water, and to congeal, when exposed to a temperature some degrees above the melting point of ice. Why should not this process be practised in our native city? Or wherefore is it that our most valuable minerals become productive only when worked by English hands? We will not venture upon supplying any response to these interrogatories, but will merely express a hope that the period is not far distant, when Irishmen will merge party in national objects, and when the bounties of Providence shall cease to be marred by the folly or the wickedness of man." It may not be uninteresting to the reader to know, that the celebrated Parian marble belongs to the dolomite species, as does that of Iona in the Hebrides, while those splendid edifices, the cathedral of Milan, and the minster of York, are both constructed of magnesian limestone.\*

"The black oxide of manganese is also found at Sutton, and in the immediate vicinity of the magnesian limestone. It has been raised and prepared for sale in considerable quantity, and sold to the manufacturers of the bleaching salt of lime, and of the different other more recently fabricated compounds, of which chlorine is the active element."

In 1616, Sutton was found by inquisition to be part of the possessions of the Howth family, but, by what right, said the jury,

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\* Allan's Mineralogy.

we cannot discover. It does appear, however, that a portion of it, about 240 acres, was granted after the Restoration to an Alderman Goff, and has, by mesne assignments, descended to a Mr. Newcomen.

In 1696, the William packet-ship, coming from Holyhead with eighty passengers, among whom was Brigadier-General Edward Fitz Patrick, the elder brother of Richard first Lord Gowran, whose son was created Earl of Upper Ossory, was by a violent storm cast away near this place, when all except the master and a boy were lost. The body of General Fitz Patrick was found upon the shore, brought to Dublin, and honourably interred in the choir of St. Patrick's cathedral.

From Sutton a wild mountain road, overhanging the sea, treads a maze of hills and glens, thickets of furze, shady avenues of stunted trees, bold projections of rock, and, over brawling streams that trickle from the higher grounds, ascends to the little village of Sancer, and the wildly situated seat of Mrs. Hannington, immediately above which the first noble view is caught of the Bailly rock and light-house and the deep green sea, over which the frequent sparrow-hawks may be seen as poised in the deserted air, and the dark-winged cormorants, the tyrants of another element, screaming below them and plunging from the giddy cliffs into the deep for their fishy food.

Continuing in a yet wilder course, the wanderer of the mountain commands many interesting views of the creeks and caverned shores of Howth, the city, and the bay, with the here peculiarly magical apparition of the south wall light-house, rearing itself from the depth of the waters two miles in the sea, and seemingly unconnected with the mainland, and ultimately comes down upon that singular rock, the

Bailly, which is again spirally ascended to its summit Pharos, shining with a neatness peculiar to these edifices. Its lights are twenty, suitably furnished with reflectors, &c. Round the dome runs an outer gallery, lightly, but securely, railed, which affords awfully sublime prospects of the magnificent panorama that surrounds it.

Before leaving the Bailly it is worth observing, that situated as it is on the most southern point of Howth, it is distant from the Isle of Dalkey on the opposite shore, six and three-quarters English miles, while from a line supposed to unite those objects, the light-house on the south wall would be distant three and three-quarters, and Ringsend from the same, six and three-quarters.

The historian will also recognise it as the spot, whither, according to tradition, on the memorable day of Clontarf, the most obstinate of the discomfited Danes retired, insulated the promontory, and defended themselves until they were carried off by the vessels of their countrymen. Their situation recalled the lines :

“ Night closed around the warriors’ way,  
And lightning shewed the distant hill,  
Where those, who lost that dreadful day,  
Stood few and faint, but fearless still.”

#### HOWTH.

As the hill of Howth is usually one of the earliest land-marks that announces Ireland to English visitors, the subject may excite some interest beyond

that of ordinary localities. Its natural wildness of scenery, and sublimity of prospect, early attracted to it the attention of all who could feel the interest of such associations, while a Sunday drive to its base, and a ramble over its steepes and amongst its rocks, was esteemed the most grateful recreation by the citizens of Dublin, even at a period when the "going and coming" by the rude machinery of the ordinary conveyances must have consumed a portion of time, that scarcely left a moment to explore the object when attained.

A poet of the day thus alludes to these excursions, toilsome as they were, yet, perhaps, on that very account the more excitingly amusive.

"Well might an artist travel from afar,  
To view the structure of a low-backed car :  
A downy mattress on the car is laid,  
The father sits beside his tender maid.  
Some back to back, some side to side are placed,  
The children in the centre interlaced.  
By dozens thus, full many a Sunday morn,  
With dangling legs the jovial crowd is borne;—  
Clontarf they seek, or Howth's aspiring brow,  
Or Leixlip smiling on the stream below."

The locality seems, however, at this day less frequented for rural indulgence, than it was in the "olden" time, and perhaps this cessation of visitors may be greatly attributable to the two turnpikes that guard its approach.

The promontory, generally called the Hill of Howth, is connected with the main land by the before-mentioned sandy isthmus, and forms the northern entrance of Dublin bay, being elevated 578

feet above low water mark. It was anciently called Ben-na-dair, as it is supposed from the quantity of venerable oaks that then waved over its fertile declivities, and religiously shadowed one of those Pagan altars or cromlechs, which yet remain, and are, as the author of this work has elsewhere endeavoured to prove, attributable to a species of the Magian priesthood. The sides of the hill are rocky and precipitous, and are considered to present somewhat of the appearance of a miniature Gibraltar ; a circumstance, which in conjunction with the *awful* religious rites performed on it, appear to have given it the Irish epithet still traceable in its name.

Of the ancient Castle of the Earls of Howth only a small square tower, commonly called Corr Castle, remains upon the present race-ground. Their more modern residence is seen at right of the road ascending to the town. It is a long, battlemented structure, flanked by square towers at each extremity, and approached by a large flight of steps leading to a spacious hall, furnished with relics of antiquity, while in the saloon are some fine portraits, especially one of Dean Swift, by Bindon. It was painted in 1735, and represents him in his clerical costume, with Wood at his feet, to the right of the picture, writhing in agony. Swift, it may be observed, had been a frequent visiter in this castle. In one of his letters, in 1734, he writes : " The weather yesterday being very fine, I rode to Howth house, and as I was getting on horseback to return, I was seized with so cruel a fit of that giddiness, which at times hath pursued me from my



youth, that I was forced to lie down on a bed in the empty house for two hours, before I was in a condition to ride.”\*

On an eminence beyond the turn to this Castle is a neat parish church, to which succeeds, also at right, a pretty villa erected for Sir Edward Lees, when secretary of the Irish post-office. The next and principal object of architectural attraction here is the harbour, for the formation of which a series of acts of parliament (45 Geo. 3, c. 113—50 Geo. 3, c. 72—58 Geo. 3, c. 61—4 Geo. 4, c. 74—6 Geo. 4, c. 100—7 Geo. 4, c. 76—7 & 8 Geo. 4, c. 35—9 Geo. 4, c. 75—1 Will. 4, c. 67—and 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 43) have been made; and accordingly a harbour was constructed, embracing an area of fifty-two English acres, enclosed by two piers, the western 2,700 feet in length, the eastern composed of three limbs, whose lengths successively are 1,200, 220, and 860 feet, having at one extremity a small light-house. The breadth of the entrance between the jetties is 320 feet; the depth at entrance is eleven feet at low water, and on the rise of the tide varies from nine to twelve feet. The breadth of the causeway on the western pier is forty feet, and the base of the same pier measures one hundred and thirty. The carriage way formed on the east pier is fifty feet broad, and the base of the pier itself two hundred. This noble work was effected at the cost of £300,000, a considerable portion of which was incurred by raising rocks from the bottom of the basin by means of the diving bell. Yet the harbour.

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\* Mason's St. Patrick's Cathedral, p. 406.

did not admit vessels of large burden or great draught, while, according to engineers, so injudicious was its location, that had it been constructed but one furlong to the eastward of its present situation, the navy of Great Britain might have been moored within it, sheltered from the prevailing winds, in a safe anchorage, and a depth of water uninfluenced by ebb or flow of tide.

But even this work, so dearly purchased by the nation, has been already superseded, and another generation may traverse the mossy causeway, and vainly seek the spot where the only monarch landed who came in peace to Ireland ;

*"Atque, ubi pertus erat, tunc siccum litus."*

It is rapidly filling with mud and sand, and now but accommodates four wherries and five smacks employed in the fisheries. Each wherry carries seven or eight men, and used to have a bounty from government, now withdrawn. The hands are all engaged in shares, two of which go to the owner of the wherry, and in the proper seasons they catch cod, ling, haddock, ray, herrings, &c. It is also remarkable that, after all the money that has been expended in this place, it has not yet a boat-builder, carpenter, ropemaker, or blacksmith.

From the harbour the tourist ascends into the town, which consists of a single street, running along the edge of the cliffs, with a congregation of huts branching down the declivity to the water. At the highest point of the village over the sea, appear the venerable remains of its ancient abbey, one of the

few specimens of Gothic pointed architecture which the county of Dublin affords; yet, so deformed is the appearance of the sacred structure by a horde of the lowest grade who occupy a portion of it, that the stranger inquires for the abbey even in the heart of its cloisters. It was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and "had" (says Mr. Bell, in his "Essay on Irish Architecture") "in its perfect state a double roof, supported at each end by pointed gables, and each division of the church had an eastern window; the larger one consists of three compartments, divided by mullions; the two extreme ones are trefoiled at the top, and the centre division rises in the pointed form, above an archway, which seems to have been a later addition. The window of the back aisle is also divided into three compartments, the centre one rising the highest, though all their tops are circular. There are two entrances by gothic pointed arches, one at the south side, which had formerly been a porch, into the body of the church, and the other, at the west end, into the back aisle. A flat embattled belfry, with pointed arches for three bells, springs from the gable at the western extremity, opposite to the great window."—The original bells of this abbey are still preserved at the castle. When the church was dismantled they were deposited in a vault, whence, at the time of building the new parish church, they were drawn up with the object of furnishing its belfry, but on examination they were found cracked and unfit for use. In the south aisle is the tomb of Christopher, the twentieth Lord Howth, who died in

1589. On the slab of this monument, in very high relief, is the effigy of the Baron recumbent, habited in the armour of a knight, with his faithful dog at his feet; by his side lies the Baroness, (who was the daughter of Sir John Plunkett of Beaulieu,) attired in the costume of the age, and the heads of both supported by tasselled cushions. The sides of the tomb are divided into compartments, and ornamented with rich foliage and gothic scroll work; each compartment containing an escutcheon of the family's arms and those into which they had intermarried. On one side are the arms of the St. Lawrences, and other shields charged with devices; on the other, those of the Plunketts, Cusacks, Flemings, and Butlers. The ends are sculptured with a group of saints, and round the slab was a gothic inscription, now defaced. There are other monuments in this cemetery, but of no comparative importance.

A battlemented wall surrounds the grave-yard, on which, he who sits and gazes upon the scattered fragments of architecture, and the tombs mingled with weeds and shadowed with ivy, cannot but think of bygone times, and many who once proudly maintained their characters on the stage of life, now mingled with the dust of this cemetery. The Book of Howth, compiled in this abbey, and containing a romantic chronicle of Irish affairs from A. D. 432 to 1370, is supposed to be yet extant.

Passing hence through the town, a very commodious modern chapel appears in its centre, surrounded by a small grave-yard. Near it are two schools, one

for boys and the other for girls; to the former the National Board allows £12, to the latter £8 annually; the number of pupils in both was reported in 1834 as 130, now increased to about 160.

A wild bridle-road guides the visiter hence to the summit of the hill, where the old light-house had been erected, and where a panorama of unrivalled magnificence presents itself. Here the town itself is distinguished, in its best aspect, slanting down the side of the hill, a village Tivoli, consecrated by the ruins of its better days; thence the view, ranging over the little harbour occasionally animated with steamers and fishing-smacks, the holy solitude of St. Nessan's Island, (Ireland's Eye,) the remoter eminences of Lambay, and the blue mountains of Mourne shadowed on the horizon, is lost in the expanse of sea, the mass of heaving waters, that, in modern parlance, unites ours to the Sister Island. There, on the opposite side of a bay, which is well known to rival that of Naples, Bray-head and the Rochestown hills, peering over the water, gradually elevate the spectator's attention to those Wicklow mountains, which, softly defined by lines as of light blue vapour, seem just arranged in a position to offer the most picturesque outline and finest termination; while nearer, a succession of castles, along the southern shore, invested with their own historic associations, relieve the eye as it glances along the bay to where burnished domes and crowded steeples foretoken—the Metropolis of Ireland. The descent from the above point to the before-mentioned Bailly light-house, is productive of

numerous enchanting landscapes, if the term can be properly applied to prospects which the sea so magnificently enhances. The shore affords in several places great facility for bathing, constant water, and a fine gravelly beach, of easy descent and retired from public view; while in others it is indented with creeks, or worn into gloomy caverns, in which seals and porpoises may be often seen rolling their unwieldy bodies.

The parish of Howth comprises 2669A. 2R. 3P. in the one denomination of land, and a population of 1607 persons, of which, the Catholics are 1400. It has, with that of Killbarrock, compounded for its tithes to the prebendary at £231. The union, besides the chapelry of Killbarrock, comprises the curacy of Beldoyle, all being so annexed to the prebend of Howth in St. Patrick's cathedral. The following has been

#### THE SUCCESSION OF THE PREBENDARIES,

(*As far as ascertained.*)

1290. John de St. Amaro.	1704. Robert Grattan.
1380. William Beverley.	1723. Samuel Webber.
1509. John Fitz Simon.	1742. John Jackson.
1522. Thomas D'Arcy.	1750. Arthur Mahon.
1529. William Power.	1753. John Walls.
1546. Simon Geoffry.	1755. John Wynne.
1555. John Dongan.	1771. William Blachford.
1595. Robert Conway.	1773. Moses Roquier.
1615. Christopher Hewetson.	1774. Thomas Stewart.
1636. Thomas Lloyd.	1789. Walter Blake Kirwan.
1660. William Sheridan.	1800. John Lewis.
1671. Patrick Grattan.	1833. Arthur Irwine.

The Roman Catholic union of Howth comprises,

besides the parishes of Beldoyle and Killbarrock, those also of Portmarnock, St. Doulogh's, and Kinsaly. The manor includes the townlands of Howth and Ratheny. Lord Howth is proprietor of the fee. Rent on the hill is about £2 per acre, and in the more fertile parts £3 is paid, while cabins, without land, are let for £2 per annum. The number of labourers in this parish is said to be about 100, half of whom are constantly employed, and the other half occasionally. Those engaged in the fisheries, and working for them, are from eighty to ninety persons.

The hill of Howth is celebrated in the most ancient annals of Ireland, as the place of settlement of Partholanus and his colony, and the scene of their total destruction by a plague, in A. M. 2256.

At the earliest period of the Christian era, when Ireland was the sanctuary and refuge of those who fled the Roman power, Howth was the residence of the celebrated Crimthan, who, according to the Irish annals, and in thorough consistence with the pelican sympathy which ever led Ireland to shed her blood for those who sought shelter in her bosom, crossed the seas to stay the march of Roman oppression, and vindicate the rights of the expatriated wanderers. The chronicles of this country deservedly extol his achievements, and particularly relate, what may be considered of some interest as regards the fine arts at the time, that, on his return from one of these chivalrous assertions of British liberty, he brought back with him a car inlaid with gold, a suit of armour studded with gems, a cloak with golden clasps, a sword richly carved, a shield with silver bullæ, a remarkable lance, a catapulta of resistless power, two noble hounds coupled with a silver chain, and a great variety of other precious articles.

In the fourth century Howth is celebrated as one of the military stations of Fin Mac Coule and his band.

In 819 the Danes devastated Howth.

In 1012 O'Melaghlin made an expedition against the Danes, and devastated this district. In 1038 Sitric, the converted Dane,

bestowed a considerable part of the lands hereabouts on his ecclesiastical foundations, and is even said to have built the church here. In 1086, Murtoth O'Brien and his army of Munster obtained a victory here over the people of Leinster.

At the time of the English invasion, Sir Armoricus Tristram was one of the most active adventurers. He and Sir John de Courcy, at the head of a chosen band, landed at Howth, and there encountering the inhabitants, who appeared to be a lingering horde of Danes, defeated them in a signal engagement at the bridge of Evora, the mountain stream that falls into the sea at the north side of Howth, opposite "Ireland's Eye." Sir Armoricus lost seven relatives on this occasion, but acquired the lordship of Howth, and the designation of St. Lawrence in honour of the day of the battle. The sword, with which he fought, is still triumphantly exhibited amongst the relics at the castle of his descendants. According to tradition de Courcy and St. Lawrence made a compact in the church of Rouen, in Normandy, to unite their fortunes in arms, and abide its dangers and rewards. A patron used to be annually held on the hill, until very recently, on St. Lawrence's day, to commemorate this victory, and, in clearing out the foundation for the new parish church, erected here a few years ago, more striking reminiscences of that day's fight were discovered in the quantity of bones scattered over an extensive space. An antique anvil, bridle, bits, and fragments of horse armour were also found in this "*ceramicus*." Further particulars of Sir Armoricus will be found in the memoir of "the Family of St. Lawrence."

Sir Nicholas St. Lawrence, the eldest son of Sir Armoricus, on his death succeeded to the inheritance of Howth, which he left to his eldest son, Armoricus, the third Baron.

In 1200 the prebend of Howth was one of the thirteen canonries incorporated by Archbishop Comyn.

In 1216 King John made a grant, or rather confirmed the possessions of Armoricus de St. Lawrence, in the land of Howth, with the appurtenances, as fully as his father, Nicholas, had theretofore possessed the same, together with all rights of churches, customs, mills, waters, &c. Soon after which this Armoricus granted twenty-five acres of land, in his lordship, to the vicar of



Howth, described as next the river that flows into the sea, between the church and the old castle towards the east, and extending "*a filo aquæ*" in length, to divisions made between it and the lord's own land towards the west. This endowment is, however, by some attributed to Armoricus, the ninth Baron of Howth.

For a notice in 1227, see "the Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

In 1235 the original prebendal church was removed from Ireland's Eye to the mainland, by Archbishop Luke, and a new one, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, was built upon the rector's glebe. This is the edifice whose ruins, as before-mentioned, still consecrate the village.

In 1306 the prebend of Howth was valued at £23 8s. 8d.

In 1313 Primate Jorse, in the well-known contest concerning the precedence of the sees of Armagh and Dublin, came secretly to Howth, and proceeded in the night as far as Grace Dieu, carrying his crozier erect, as an assertion of his claim. He was, however, met by some of the family of the Archbishop of Dublin, at the latter place, and compelled to quit the province.

In 1348 the remarkable pestilence, that devastated Ireland, first broke out at Howth and Dalkey. It almost destroyed and laid waste the cities of Dublin and Drogheda, insomuch that in Dublin alone, from the beginning of August to Christmas, 14,000 persons perished.

In 1375 the king directed that proclamation should be made within the lordship of Howth, that none should cross sea from Ireland, merchants excepted, without license from the crown.\*

In 1380 William Beverly was prebendary of Howth, and likewise a canon of Westminster. In 1390 Sir John de Stanley landed at Howth, as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland for the third time. In 1410 the king assigned the tithes of the church of Howth to maintain the household of Thomas le Butler, prior of St. John of Jerusalem, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and in 1427 Chief Baron Cornwallsh sailed hence to advise the king on the state of Ireland, being allowed 6s. 8d. per day for his expenses

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

while employed on that mission. In the same year Lord de Grey landed here as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

In 1446 Lord Howth was sued by the crown for a herring-swyne twelve feet long, which had been cast ashore here. His lordship, however, pleaded that his ancestors, from time immemorial, were lords of the manor and lordship of Howth, and as such seised of all "porpoises, grapes and herringswyne," thrown ashore there, &c. On which plea he obtained judgment against the crown.

In 1449 Richard Plantagenet, Duke of York, father of Edward IV. landed at Howth, as Lord Lieutenant. His government of Ireland was a short but cheering interval. During the civil wars of York and Lancaster, Kildare for the white, and Ormond for the red rose, had organized all the passions and energies of the Pale. Duke Richard, however, by equally favouring and honouring every rank of the people, had acquired the general love of all, and wholly conciliated a nation, whom he was sent to subdue. So perfectly was this feeling established, that when, on his return to England, he was betrayed and defeated at Blore Heath, and ultimately driven an exile into the country he had so lately governed, he was received there, not as a fugitive, but with every demonstration of the warmest affection. Gentlemen and followers of houses, before then pitted in deadliest enmity, became his united adherents, clung together in his service, deserted their possessions to the reaction of Irish hostility, devoted their whole hopes to the unfortunate Prince, and, when he fell at Wakefield, perished promiscuously around him.

In 1451 Sir Christopher, the fourteenth Baron of Howth, was empowered, by Act of Parliament, to search for a mine within this lordship, as well for tin as for lead ore, and to receive the profits thereof to his own use, during the term of three years, at 6s. 8d. per annum, if it should be found. For a notice in 1468, see at "Tipperkevin."

Sir Nicholas St. Lawrence, the sixteenth Lord of Howth, was devoted to the interests of the house of Lancaster, and, during the frenzy that shook Ireland from its propriety and allegiance in the cause of Lambert Simnel, was one of those who most faithfully defended King Henry's title and interest. When the rebellion,

raised on that account, was quelled, the king presented to this lord, as a tribute for his fidelity and services, 300 pieces of gold, and by charter, dated in 1489, confirmed to him the lands of Howth, &c., he having in the preceding year, notwithstanding his well experienced attachment to the crown, thought it prudent to take the oath of allegiance, and do his homage before Sir Richard Edgewcombe, in the great chamber at St. Thomas's Court, Dublin. Dying in 1526, he was buried with his ancestors in the abbey here.

In 1522 Thomas D'Arcy, prebendary of Howth, had a grant by letters patent, of the office of clerk or keeper of the Rolls in Chancery, with a fee of £20 of silver, per annum, payable out of the king's manor of Esker, over and above the accustomed profits of that employment;\* and in 1528, was presented to the Deanery of St. Patrick's.

At the hosting of 1532 Lord Howth was summoned to do military service for his manors of Howth and Artane, and in the same year Archbishop Allen presented Nicholas Carney, A. M., to the perpetual vicarage hereof.

In 1534 "the silken lord," in the celebrated Geraldine rebellion, planted his artillery on this promontory, and from its commanding height cannonaded the vessels that were sent with English forces to reduce him. For a notice in 1538, see at "Killbarrock."

In 1539 the prebend of Howth was re-valued at £24 6s. 10d. and at the dissolution its monastery was found seised of a small portion of land here, which thereupon vested in the crown. For a notice of this locality in 1541, see at "Killbarrock."

In 1545 the Earl of Lennox, being driven from Scotland, fled to King Henry the Eighth, and craving succour, was recommended by him to the Earl of Ormond, who, with the object of reinstating him in his fortunes, mustered on Oxmantown Green "600 gallowglasses, 400 kerns, 60 horsemen, and 440 shot;" with this force, to which the Lord Deputy added 1500 soldiers, he marched to Skerries, in Fingal, where he took shipping, and sailing northward was joined by "the Earl of the Out-isles." Their scheme

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\* Lit. Pat. 14 Hen. VIII.

being rendered abortive by contrary winds and the unskilfulness of mariners, Ormond and Lennox landed their men at Carrickfergus, but the Lord of the Out-isles remained on board, encountered a storm, and was driven upon Howth, where he expired, being overcome by the fatigues of this expedition. His body was conveyed to Dublin, and interred in St. Patrick's Cathedral, where Mason, the learned historian of that church, says the following inscription had been carved upon his monument :—

*“Vique manue meâ patriæ dum redditur exul,  
Exul in externâ cogor et ipse mori.”*

A very interesting letter was written previous to this expedition by the Earl of Ormond, while at Skerries, to Lord Russel. See at “Skerries.”

In 1547 the prebend of Howth was found on inquisition to comprise twenty acres of demesne lands, and tithes over the townlands of Correstown, Howth, Balkyll and Sutton, and the tithe fishing thereof, to the amount of £24 annually, the farmer of the tithes being bound to repair the chancel, and the altarages being assigned for the curate's support.

In 1549 Edward, the eighteenth Lord of Howth, died, and was buried in St. Mary's Abbey here. In 1552 Sir James Croft, on his removal from the lord lieutenancy of Ireland, embarked here for England; and in 1564 Christopher, the twentieth Lord of Howth, erected the present castellated mansion.

About the year 1575 occurred the memorable incident, which connects the name of Grace O'Mailley (better known as Grana weal) with this place. Returning from her visit to Queen Elizabeth, she landed at Howth, and proceeded to the castle, but, it being the hour of dinner time, the gates were closed. Indignant at what she considered a dereliction of Irish hospitality, she seized the young heir of St. Lawrence, then playing on the shore, carried him on shipboard, and sailed with him, a prisoner, to her own castle, in the county of Mayo. Nor was he restored, until his father entered into an express stipulation that his gates should never again be shut at dinner hour. A painting in one of the castle chambers is supposed to represent this event.

In 1580 Lord Grey landed at Howth, as Lord Lieutenant of

Ireland. In 1589 Christopher, the twentieth Lord of Howth, died and was buried here. For a notice in 1593, see the memoir of "the Family of St. Lawrence." In the same year (31st of July) Sir William Russel, youngest son of the Earl of Bedford, landed here as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whereupon the Lord of Howth claimed him and his suite for that evening as his guests. Sir William was met the next day, on his entrance into Dublin, by the council, the captains of the garrison, and the mayor with five hundred horse, and conducted with acclamation to the castle; he refused, however, to accept the sword until he should receive, under the hands of the council, a full account of the state and condition of the kingdom, which being done, he was, on the 11th of August, sworn in with great acclamation.\* In 1599 Lord Mountjoy, as Lord Deputy, and Sir George Carew, as Lord President of Munster, landed here, and spent the night of their arrival in the Castle of Howth, at which time this place was accounted amongst "the walled and good towns" of the county. For a notice in 1602, see "Dalkey."

In 1606 Sir Nicholas, the twenty-first Lord, died and was buried here. Sundry inquisitions, of record in the Court of Chancery, state the Bealing family seised in fee about this time of seven messuages and six acres here, which they held of Lord Howth, as of the manor of Howth, while the Lord's own possessions are stated as three hundred and fifty acres, which he held of the king in capite by knight service.

In 1614 the lord deputy, Sir Arthur Chichester, landed here, and was received by the lords justices, the lord mayor, &c., who attended him into Dublin with great rejoicing.

In 1615, on the regal visitation, this prebend was valued at £100, Martin Cod being then the officiating curate.

In 1619, Christopher, Lord Howth, died seised (as found by inquisition) of the manor and townland of Howth containing three hundred acres, the island of Howth called the Bodden, fifty acres, eighty-five acres and a water mill in Whitestown, fourteen acres in Balscadden, thirty-three acres in Lisbobble, forty-nine acres in Fieldstown, one hundred acres in Mayne, Kiltaghtown, and Lough-

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\* Wiffen's House of Russel, vol. ii. p. 15.

bran, &c. The document adds, that Howth and the island were held from the king by fealty and two pair of gloves yearly on the feast of St. Michael; the townland of Lispopble, &c., from the Archbishop of Dublin, as of his manor of Swords, by fealty and suit of court; the townlands of Whitestown and Balscadden, &c., were held from the Earl of Ormond, as of his manor of Rush; those of Mayne, Kiltaghtown, and Loughbran, from Peter Barnewall, as of his manor of Balrothery, &c.

In 1641, when the Lords of the Pale projected establishing a navy for the security of the coasts of Ireland, and instituting an order of naval knights for this purpose, to whom houses were to be assigned in every province, with suitable equipments for each, Howth was the station proposed for the province of Leinster. The charges of the undertaking were to be defrayed out of the revenues of the improper abbeys.

In 1662 the great Duke of Ormond landed here as Lord Lieutenant, as did Lord Truro in 1669 in the same capacity.—In the latter year, William Sheridan, who had been prebendary of Howth, was appointed Dean of Down, and subsequently promoted to the sees of Kilmore and Ardagh. At this time also, James Duke of York obtained a grant of Bealing's freehold, before mentioned, then stated as containing four acres plantation measure.

For a notice in 1671, see the memoir of the "Family of St. Lawrence."—In that year, Robert Reading claimed an allowance of £500 per annum out of the concordata, for six light-houses built by him, two of which were on Howth. He had also a duty on foreign ships. In the same year, Patrick Grattan was instituted to the prebend of Howth, as was Robert Grattan in 1704.

In 1690 King William is said to have slept here, and the room of the royal slumber is still identified and maintained in the order of the occasion.

In 1703 Lord Howth purchased from the crown, the outstanding fee called Bealing's freehold, forfeited by the attainder of King James.—About the year 1748, William, the twenty-sixth baron, bequeathed to the poor of Howth £40, directed £150 to be expended on his funeral, and appropriated £200 for the erection of a family monument in the church-yard of Howth, in which

he was buried. In the time of his successor, about the year 1754, a lead-mine was discovered here, which promised to be productive. It was situated about midway between the castle and the old light-house.—In the same year a terrier was taken, defining the extent of the united parishes of Howth and Killbarrock.

In 1789 the celebrated preacher, Walter Blake Kirwan, was installed prebendary of Howth, which he held until the year 1800, when Lord Cornwallis, then viceroy, presented him to the deanery of Killalla.

It would not be justifiable to pass unnoticed an individual, who once ranked preeminent for pulpit eloquence in this kingdom. He was born in Galway, about the year 1754, of an ancient Roman Catholic family, having been the grand nephew of Doctor Anthony Blake, titular Bishop of Ardagh, and afterwards the Catholic Primate. He was educated among the Jesuits at St. Omer, whence, at the age of seventeen, he embarked for the Danish island of St. Croix in the West Indies, under the protection of his father's cousin-german who had large possessions there; but, after enduring for six years a pernicious climate and a revolting state of society, he returned in disgust to Europe. On his arrival, he went to the university of Louvain, where he received priest's orders, and was soon after honoured with the chair of natural and moral philosophy. In 1778 he was appointed chaplain to the Neapolitan ambassador at the British court, where he acquired his earliest fame as a preacher.

In 1787 he resolved to conform to the established religion, with the impression, as he is reported to have professed, of there finding more suitable audiences for his eloquence. He was accordingly introduced by the Reverend Doctor Hastings, Archdeacon of Dublin, to his first Protestant congregation in Peter's Church, Dublin, where he preached on the 24th of June of that year. His auditors impatiently filled every part of the building, in the expectancy of hearing the causes of his change of faith, but neither then, nor afterwards, did he ever, either in the pulpit or in his most confidential communications, breathe a syllable disrespectful to any religious persuasion whatever.

"Although," he says in a letter of the 19th of June, 1787, two days after reading his recantation, "I have changed the

sphere of my exertions, they shall still be invariably directed to the same objects, to improve the human heart, to enlarge and enlighten the understandings of men, banish religious prejudice, and diffuse through society the great blessings of peace, order and mutual affection." It had been somewhat favourable to the exposition of his motives if the document closed there, but other conclusions may be drawn, when, in the same letter, he adds : " An unmanly respect to the prejudices of the vulgar and ignorant are considerations I have long soared above, they cannot, they shall not control the operations of a soul like mine ;" and again, " I freely acknowledge that I should not look upon myself as a man, were I insensible to the pleasures arising from an unblushing and well earned fame, were I insensible to the comforts which flow from competence and independence, or that I did not value the freedom of possessing these indisputable and unalienable rights of nature, which she has deeply grafted on the human constitution, and which no divine law ever intended, or inferior authority can arrogate the power to counteract ;" and lastly, " I propose soon paying my friends in Galway a short visit, and taking occasion to assure the public, in a place where I will have more room than in a small chapel, that a change of system has not robbed me of the milder affections of the soul," &c. &c.

Wherever he preached such multitudes assembled, that it was found necessary to defend the entrance of the church by guards or palisadoes. He was presented with addresses and pieces of plate from every parish in the city and the freedom of various corporations ; his portrait was painted and engraved by the most eminent artists ; and the collections at his sermons far exceeded any that were ever known. In 1800, as before-mentioned, he received the Deanery of Killalla, from the gift of Lord Cornwallis, and in 1805, departed this life at Mount Pleasant, near Dublin, and was buried in the graveyard of St. Nicholas Without. His wife and a family of two sons and two daughters survived him.

According to the usage of the clergy amongst whom his early days were passed, and the doctrine and discipline, in conformity with which his first vows were taken, he preached extempore, and with an intonation of voice, and eloquence of action, that leave his published sermons comparatively vapid and cold.



In 1807 the first stone of the pier was laid at Howth, and, under the direction of the late Mr. Rennie, the works were subsequently completed. The average time of passage between this (while it continued a packet station) and Holyhead was about seven hours.

In 1812 the Board of First Fruits granted £600 towards building a church here, while an order of Council of 1814 authorized the change of site to the present spot. In 1821 King George the Fourth landed in this harbour on the occasion of his visit to Ireland.

In 1829, the Mr. Michael Keary, mentioned at Clontarf, bequeathed £500 for the education of the poor Catholic children of this town, which has been invested in government funds, and the interest is so duly applied.

West of the castle on the hill are the ruins of a very ancient little oratory, which, from the saint to whom it was dedicated, is known by the name of St. Fintan's church. It is extremely small, not exceeding twelve feet in length, by about eight in breadth, and having a small belfry at one end of it over one pointed arch entrance, while the eastern window forms a very small rude cinque foiled arch.

Colgan enumerates twenty-four Irish saints of the name of Fintan ; but more probably several of his notices referred to the same person honoured in different places. One was Abbot of Cluanednech in the diocese of Leighlin in the sixth century, and had as his disciple St. Congall, the founder of the noble abbey of Bangor in the county Down. His festival is kept on the 17th of February. Another, of the family of Nial, forsook the world in his youth, and betook himself to the monastery of Iona, and the discipline of St. Columba, whence, after that saint's death,

he returned to Ireland, and founded the monastery called Teach-Munnu, in Kinselagh, in Leinster. He died in 634, and his festival is kept on the 21st of October.

Above this little edifice rises Slieve Martin, a conical eminence, nearly in the centre of the peninsula, and having a large cairn on its summit; while on Carrick-mor, (i. e. the big rock,) an eminence of less magnitude just beneath, a signal post has been erected for communication with the Pigeon House, on the opposite side of the bay.

From St. Fintan's, a narrow way leads down the hill, and meets the main road beyond Sutton. The tourist must not, however, omit visiting the pagan altar, or cromlech, before alluded to, which will be found in a very sequestered situation between this and the Castle of Howth, feathered around with the fern, the classical bracken of Scotland.

These cromlechs may be defined as large, flat, unhewn, ponderous stones, propped in an inclined position on two, three, or four others, and sometimes surrounded with a circle, or circles of stones, forming the outwork of the temple. The channels, or furrows, still traceable on most of the inclined or altar-stones, make it probable that sacrifices, as of oxen, &c. might have been offered on them; but, whatever were the victims, the altar is itself thoroughly eastern and primitive. Such an altar Noah "buildd unto the Lord;" such an altar God himself commanded—"If thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone, for if thou lift up thy tool upon

it, thou hast polluted it." King, in his *Munimenta Antiqua*, shews, that cromlechs similar to those in Ireland exist in Syria; and Armstrong, in his *History of the very ancient People of Minorca*, says, that several are still found there, and commonly called altars of the Gentiles.

It is the fashion of the day to call the ancient Irish priesthood—Druids; but it seems more consonant with mature inquiry, that, however their tenets might have assimilated with those of the Druids, as at least flowing from one source of primeval hierarchy, however the two religions might from vicinity have blended together, particularly when the dispersion from Mona had sent over so many to Ireland as Rowland mentions;\* yet the name of Druids was never attributed to the ministers of Irish worship by any writers, prior to the total destruction of that order. All those, who were nearest to their time, call them Magi; and, even when the words *draoi*, *druidh*, *druth*, *druadh*, occur, as they do in several Irish annalists, the term seems only used as doubting the wisdom or learned caste of the individual to whom it is applied, and not any such rank in heathen priesthood, as that of the Druids properly so called. Thus Tigernach, the oldest historian of Northern Europe, records the death of Morrough O'Carty, Ard-draoi, and chief professor of Connaught, in A. D. 1067, when, of course, Druids were long extinct as a religious fraternity. It seems most probable, that the name of Druid recoiled on Ireland from Britain, and that the adoption

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\* *Mona Antiqua*, p. 107.

was the more freely countenanced, as the Magism of Ireland was, according to the more received authorities, the stock whence Druidism sprang; for, as Doctor Campbell expresses it, "the conceptions of British writers afford a stronger presumption than even the pretensions of the Irish, that Ireland was not only the more ancient nation, but that Druidism . . . . was more early in Ireland than in Britain, and that Britain imported it from Ireland."\*

That it did not come from Germany, the great *officina gentium*, appears from Cæsar, who mentions the Germans as essentially differing from Gaul in this, that they have no such thing as Druids; while the same imperial author traces it as coming, according to his knowledge, from Britain into Gaul; adding, that those, who wish to be thoroughly initiated in its mysteries, mostly go into the former country to be educated. It is clear the institution was not Celtic, or it would have equally flourished in Germany and Italy, and the Roman would not so have wondered at it when he encountered it in Gaul; while, on the other hand, the fact, that those parts of Wales and Gaul, which lay nearest to Ireland, were, if not the only countries, at least those most deeply imbued with its discipline, and that also the various remains, ascribed to its priesthood, are far more abundant in Ireland, must strongly corroborate the inference of that country being the fountain of the institution.

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\* Campbell's Strictures, p. 67.

the sister country, when the libraries of Bangor and the Cambrian monasteries were destroyed by the Saxons and Normans ; while the first Christian missionaries were equally hostile to their literary remains in Ireland. It is, here, however, enough to say that a religion, such as St. Patrick describes, did exist ; that its priests were called Magi, that the prevalence of its tenets, discipline, altars, Beltinne and Halloween rites, is enforced by all the external testimony of artificial appearances in the country ; that its ceremonies are deeply legible, after the lapse of centuries, in the manners of the people ; that the cromlechs, the upright pillars, the circular temples of stones, the round towers of the sacred fire, the holy groves, the venerated fountains, which were dedicated to sun-worship, and afterwards prudently converted to the service of Christianity, still remain ; (for, like the Germans, as described by Tacitus, the ancient Irish thought it was absurd and unworthy the Author of all being and space to limit his presence within walls, or his worship within human architecture;) that they had their everlasting fire, like the perpetual flame that ascended on the altar of burnt offerings at Jerusalem ; and lastly, that like the Guebri, described by Doctor Hyde, as kindling an annual fire, whence the country was supplied, the Magi of Ireland also, on one particular night displayed the sacred flame on Tara, whence every hearth of the island should be religiously fed.\*

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\* See D'Alton's *Essay on the ancient History, &c., of Ireland*, in *Trans. R. I. Academy*, vol. xvi. Part 1.

The promontory of Howth must necessarily be considered of paramount interest in the botany of this county. To a small extent, its productions may be classed as follow :—On and about the hill generally are seen *nardus stricta*, mat grass; *ilex aquifolium*, holly; *borago officinalis*, borage; *crithmum maritimum*, samphire, whose leaves are an excellent pickle used for sauces, and are by many eaten raw in salads; *meum fœniculum*, fennel; *lepidium hirtum*, hairy pepperwort; *oxalis acetosella*, wood sorrel; *agrostemma githago*, corn cockle; *spergula arvensis*, corn spurree, which, though here accounted a troublesome weed, is, in Flanders, Germany, and the North of Europe, used as fodder, while poultry are fed with its seed; *papaver dubium*, long smooth-headed poppy; *teucrium scorodonia*, wood germanander; *digitalis purpurea*, foxglove; *orobanche minor*, lesser broom rape; *calicle maritima*, sea-rocket, a variety of the *geranium molle*, soft crane's-bill, with white flowers; *vicia sativa*, common vetch; *hypericum humifusum*, trailing St. John's wort; *picris echinoides*, bristly ox-tongue; *crepis biennis*, rough hawk's-beard; *carduus marianus*, milk thistle; *tanacetum vulgare*, tansy; *artemisia absinthium*, common wormwood; *senecio viscosus*, fetid groundsel; *anthemis cotula*, fetid chamomile; *achillea ptarmica*, sneeze-wort; *euphorbia exigua*, dwarf spurge; *iris fœtidissima*, with its heavy blue flower, commonly called roast-beef plant, from the circumstance of the leaves, when bruised, smelling like roasted beef; *juncus uliginosus*, little bulbous rush; *juncus squarrosus*, moss-rush; *juncus acutus*, great sharp rush;

*juncus bulbosus*, round-fruited rush; *lepidium Smithii*, smooth field pepperwort; *carlina vulgaris*, common carline thistle, flowering in June; *scirpus Savii*, Savi's club-rush, flowering in July.

In the watery bogs, valleys, and marshy places, *veronica scutellata*, narrow-leaved marsh speedwell; *scirpus setaceus*, bristle-stalked club-rush; *scirpus pauciflorus*, chocolate-headed club-rush; *scirpus fluitans*, floating club-rush; *pinguicula vulgaris*, common butterwort; *eleocharis palustris*, creeping spike-rush; *utricularia vulgaris*, greater bladderwort; *eriphorum polystachion*, broad-leaved cotton grass; *lycopus europæus*, gipsy wort; *schænus nigricans*, black bog-rush; *melica cærulea*, purple melic grass, a plant of which the inhabitants of some of the western islands make ropes for fishing nets, as it is found to bear the water for a long time without rotting; it is, however, rather resorted to as a cheap than a serviceable article; *montia fontana*, water blinks; *menyanthes trifoliata*, marsh trefoil; *anagallis tenella*, bog pimpernel; *drosera rotundifolia*, round leaved sundew, of which Darwin writes :

“Queen of the marsh, imperial Dros’ra treads  
Rush fringed banks and moss embroidered beds;  
Redundant folds of drossy silk surround  
Her slender waist and trail upon the ground,  
As with sweet grace her snowy neck she bows,  
A zone of diamonds trembles round her brows;  
Bright shines the silver halo as she turns,  
And as she steps the living lustre burns.”

*Agrostis canina*, brown bent grass; *polygonum hy-*

*dropiper*, water pepper ; *hydrocotyle vulgaris*, marsh pennywort ; *narthecium ossifragum*, Lancashire asphodel ; *peplis portula*, water purslane ; *tormentilla reptans*, trailing tormentil, formerly deemed an excellent substitute for oak-bark in tanning ; *comarum palustre*, marsh cinquefoil, bearing a fruit somewhat like that of the strawberry ; *stachys palustris*, marsh woundwort ; *carex vesicaria*, bladder sedge, flowering in June ; *rumex maritimus*, golden dock ; *cnicus palustris*, marsh plume thistle ; *gnaphalium uliginosum*, marsh cudweed ; *senecio aquaticus*, marsh ragwort ; *orchis conopsea*, aromatic palmate orchis ; *listera ovata*, common tway blade ; *carex dioica*, creeping sedge, flowering in June ; *carex culicaris*, flea sedge ; *carex muricata*, greater prickly sedge ; *carex vulpina*, great sedge, flowering in May ; *carex paniculata*, paniced sedge, flowering in July ; *carex ovalis*, oval-spiked sedge, also flowering in July ; *carex pendula*, pendulous sedge ; *carex cespitosa*, turfy sedge, flowering in June ; *carex hirta*, hairy sedge ; *carex acuta*, slender-spiked sedge ; *apargia taraxaci*, dandelion hawkbit ; *epipactis palustris*, marsh helleborine ; *carex pallescens*, pale sedge, flowering in July ; *carex flava*, yellow sedge ; *sium latifolium*, broad-leaved water parsnip, whose roots are deadly poison, fatal both to men and cattle, it flowers in August ; *poa distans*, reflexed sweet grass ; *juncus effusus*, soft rush ; *alisma ranunculoides*, lesser water plantain ; *alisma natans*, floating water plantain ; *sparganium natans*, floating bur-reed ; *ophioglossum vulgatum*, common adder's tongue ; *sium inundatum*, least water



parsnip, flowering from May to July ; *eleocharis fluitans*, floating spike rush, flowering in June and July.

On the mountain dry pastures *veronica officinalis*, common speedwell ; *scirpus cespitosus*, scaly-stalked club-rush ; *agrostis vulgaris*, fine bent grass ; *aira cristata*, crested hair-grass ; *holcus mollis*, creeping soft grass, one of the most troublesome weeds that infest light, dry soils, pigs, however, are very fond of its roots ; *festuca ovina*, sheep's fescue grass, of which Gmelin in his *Flora Siberica* says, that the Tartars prefer fixing, during the summer, where this grass is plentiful, as affording a most wholesome food for all sorts of cattle, but especially for sheep ; *gallium saxatile*, smooth heath bedstraw ; *epilobium montanum*, smooth-leaved willow herb, the top shoots of which have a very delicate fragrance, but so transitory, that before they have been gathered five minutes, it is no longer perceptible ; *poa decumbens*, decumbent heath grass, so called from its straw being always inclining ; *festuca bromoides*, barren fescue grass ; *gentiana campestris*, field gentian ; *carlina vulgaris*, common carline thistle.—On banks above the sea shore, *scilla verna*, vernal squill, flowering early in May ; *scilla nutans*, harebell squill ; *epilobium tetragonum*, square-stalked willow herb.—On the barren ground, *aira præcox*, early hair grass ; *aira caryophyllea*, silver hair grass ; *lycopsis arvensis*, small bugloss ; *jasion montana*, common sheep's bit ; *viola lutea*, yellow pansy ; *daucus carota*, wild carrot.—On the hedges and bushy places, *lonicera periclymenum*, common honeysuckle ; *vicia cracca*, tufted

vetch, *senecio sylvaticus*, mountain groundsel ; *cratægus aria*, white beam tree, flowering in June, its wood is said to afford an excellent charcoal for making gunpowder.—On the sea shore, *fucus plicatus*, matted fucus ; *raphanus maritimus*, sea radish ; *anthyllis vulneraria*, kidney vetch ; *fucus ciliatus*, *fucus aculeatus* ; *aster tripolium*, sea starwort ; *rotbolla incurvata*, sea hard grass, flowering about the end of August, and so named by the younger Linnæus in compliment to Professor Rotboll of Copenhagen ; *corrigeola littoralis*, sand strapwort, a very rare plant, flowering in August ; *triticum loliaceum*, dwarf sea wheat grass ; *silene maritima*, sea campion, flowering from June to August.—On the commons, *chenopodium murale*, nettle-leaved goosefoot ; *lichen cornucopioides*, radiated lichen ; *ballota nigra*, common horehound.

In the corn fields, *lolium temulentum*, bearded darnel, an herb of an intoxicating quality, whether taken in bread or drink ; even swine have been known to be seized with a temporary blindness and drunkenness, when it was mixed with their food ; of this plant Virgil makes mention in his first Georgic,

“ Interque nitentia culta

Infelix lolium et steriles dominantur avenæ.”

*Cynoglossum officinale*, common hound's tongue ; *lamium incisum*, cut leaved dead nettle ; *erum hirsutum*, hairy tare ; *centaurea cyanus*, blue bottle ; *papaver somniferum*, white poppy ; *fedia olitoria*, lamb's lettuce, flowering from April to June.—On the sandy banks, *phleum pratense*, common cat's tail grass, affording an early spring herbage ; *phleum are-*

*narium*, sea cat's tail grass ; *Parnassia palustris*, grass of Parnassus ; *erodium cicutarium*, hemlock stork's bill.—In the boggy places, *eriphorum angustifolium*, common cotton grass ; *hypnum scorpioides*.—About the old abbey *parietaria officinalis*, wall pellitory.

On the rocks and in their fissures, *aira flexuosa*, wavy mountain hair grass ; *statice armeria*, sea pink ; *cotyledon umbilicus*, navel wort ; *sedum acre*, wall pepper, a brilliant little flower, conspicuous enough about midsummer and for some time afterwards, on walls, roofs, and dry, barren, or sandy ground, which it clothes, as it were, with a cloth of gold, in defiance of the drought and the most scorching sun ; *geranium sanguineum*, bloody crane's bill ; *lichen pilularis*, pill lichen ; *lichen perellus*, crab's eye lichen ; *lichen concentricus*, concentric lichen ; *lichen saxatilis*, grey-stone lichen ; *lichen calicaris*, channelled lichen ; *lichen capiratus*, wrinkled sulphur lichen ; *crithmum maritimum*, the samphire-immortalized by Shakspeare,

“ Half way down

Hangs one that gathers samphire—dreadful trade !”

In the moist heaths and fields, *juncus uliginosus*, little bulbous rush ; *pedicularis palustris*, tall red rattle ; *carex recurva*, heath sedge ; *sium inundatum*, least water parsnip ; *ramalina scopulorum*.—In the woods, heaths, and turfy ground, *vaccinium myrtillus*, bilberry, part of the autumn food of the grouse, bilberries are also sometimes made into tarts and jellies ; *calluna vulgaris*, common ling ; *erica cinerea*, fine leaved heath ; *stellaria graminea*, lesser stitchwort ; *tormentilla officinalis*, common tor-

mentil; *polygala vulgaris*, milk wort; *orobus tuberosus*, heath pea; *stellaria holostea*, greater stich wort; *hypericum pulchrum*, upright St. John's wort; *solidago virgaurea*, golden rod; *carex lunervis*, green ribbed sedge; *carex præcox*, vernal sedge, flowering in May; *lycopodium selaginoides*, prickly club moss.

In the meadows, *pedicularis sylvatica*, dwarf red rattle; *lathyrus pratensis*, yellow meadow vetchling; *apargia autumnalis*, autumnal hawkbit. — In the sandy pastures, *ornithopus perpusillus*, bird's foot; *erigon acre*, blue flea bane; *poa distans*, reflexed meadow grass; *aura flexuosa*, waved mountain hair grass. — On the high grounds, *gnaphalium sylvaticum*, Highland cudweed, flowering in September. — In the moist woods, *carex remota*, remote sedge, flowering in July; *carex pilulifera*, round-headed sedge, flowering early; *carex panicea*, pink leaved sedge.

About Sutton side of the hill, *viola tricolor*, pansy violet; *viola lutea*, yellow pansy; *narthesium ossifragum*, Lancashire asphodel; *ervum hirsutum*, hairy tare, a pernicious intruder on fields of corn; *senecio viscosus*, fetid groundsel; *sagina apetala*, small-fingered pearl wort; *melampyrum pratense*, yellow cow wheat, of which Linnæus says, that where it abounds the yellowest and best butter is made; *lysimachia nemorum*, yellow pimpernel; *ononis arvensis*, rest harrow, and a variety with white flowers; *euphorbia Portlandica*, Portland spurge; *anagallis tenella*, bog pimpernel; *atriplex portulacoides*, shrubby orache, flowering late in the summer; *atriplex laciniata*, flowering early in August; *atriplex littoralis*, grass-

leaved sea orache; *sedum Anglicum*, English stone crop; *trifolium scabrum*, rough trefoil; *asplenium marinum*, sea spleenwort. Even the great Indian cress, *tropæolum majus*, has been found in great luxuriance, growing on the open shore at this side. Its electric properties are noticed by Darwin—

“Round her fair form the electric lustre plays,  
And cold she moves amid the ambient blaze.”

*Valeriana locusta*; *cerastium tetandrum*, four cleft mouse ear chickweed; and a species of the *papaver somniferum*, white poppy with purple flowers.

On the southern beach, *statice limonium*, sea lavender; *beta maritima*, sea beet, flowering in August, and accounted a good substitute for spinage in winter and spring months; *crambe maritimum*, sea kale; *erodium maritimum*, sea stork's bill; *triticum junceum*, rushy wheat grass, a plant of great importance in districts subject to inundations of the sea, which nature seems to have designed it, like the *arundo arenaria*, to retard; *festuca elatior*, great fescue grass; *limbarda crithmoides*, golden samphire, flowering in August and September.—On the south side of the hill a variety of *lotus corniculatus*, common bird's foot trefoil with hairy leaves; *artemisia maritima*, sea wormwood; *inula crithmoides*, samphire-leaved flea bane; *samolus valerandi*, water pimpernel; *statice spathulata*, upright spiked sea lavender.—On the north-east side, growing out of a rocky mountain, is found *pyrus aria*, white beam tree;—and on the east *viola hirta*, hairy violet; *sium repens*, creeping water parsnip; and *orchis viridis*, frog orchis.

Of the geology and mineralogy of this hill Dr. Stephens says—"In the peninsula of Howth, which forms the extremity of the northern side of Dublin bay, several different kinds of rock, and some valuable productions are to be found. In following the course of the shore on the south side of the hill, the first stone observable in its place is secondary limestone in beds. Further on, and immediately incumbent on the limestone, is siderocalcite in considerable quantity, its situation corresponding with that of the limestone, and still further, but not visibly connected with these, grit or arenaceous quartz, (of which the abrupt rocks above Lord Howth's demesne, on the north-west side of the hill, seem also to consist,) with an appearance of irregular stratification in some places. This stone is soon succeeded by argillite, which continues as far as the martello tower, and the grit again appears from thence to the cove under Mr. Hannington's house.

"The cliffs at the place last mentioned consist of strata of a sort of slaty clay, or shale intermixed with beds of the same sort of grit as that of which the greater part of the hill is composed. Some of the clay strata are penetrated by the siliceous matter, which gives them a greater degree of hardness than the others, and a most interesting spectacle is presented by this assemblage of beds, which vary in thickness from an inch to a foot. These are in general nearly vertical, in one place they diverge upwards, the opening being filled up by bending strata; the beds are of various shades of colour from brick red to ash grey, and are

crossed by veins of quartz and of chlorite, which substances are generally intermixed.

“The different degrees of hardness possessed by the strata now described, are the cause of their presenting a very singular appearance, the softer parts being washed away to a considerable depth by the action of the atmosphere and the dashing of the waves, while the harder are preserved, and form a kind of stripes in relief. At the base of the cliff there is a prolongation of the harder strata running out into the sea, and to the east of this place the hill on the shore consists of a soft kind of slate, which is entirely smoothed down to a slope.”\*

“From the south-western side of Howth grey ore of manganese and brown iron stone have been obtained in considerable quantity, and a variety of the earthy black cobalt ore of Werner has been found there, in the form of a coating, of a rich blue colour, which incrusts the fissures of a rock of slate clay, approaching to whetslate. In this substance Mr. Tennant has ascertained the presence of the oxides of cobalt and of manganese, and the discovery of it at Howth is of importance, as it indicates the probability of the existence of other more valuable ores of cobalt in that neighbourhood.”†

A huge bed of porphyritic greenstone is also visible on the southern side, running from the water edge into the heart of the hill, and separating at some distance into two lesser veins, which gradually diverge

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\* Stephens's Mineralogy, p. 40, &c.

† Id. p. 42.

from each other ; while, in two caves on the north-west shore, lapides stalactitii, stony icicles or drop stones, have been found. It is likewise supposed to contain coal, and Irish diamonds have been found in working its quarries.

Doctor Rutty classes two petrifying springs here, one issuing from under the battlements of the churchyard, and the other situated in a bay on the east side of the hill, at a place where is, perhaps, the most commodious bathing-place in the neighbourhood of Dublin. Near it is the singular precipice called Puck's Rock.

In the new harbour hundreds of the *star fish* may be seen expanding themselves in all the splendour of prismatic light. A species of the *mustella marina* is also seen hereabouts sometimes, the *astacus marinus*, lobster, abundantly, and the *cancer marinus*, sea crab, less frequently. It may be lastly remarked, in reference to this locality, that the road to it from the city has been the subject of distinct legislation in the acts 56 Geo. 3, c. lxxi. (local) ; 4 Geo. 4, c. 74 ; 6 Geo. 4, c. 100 ; 7 Geo. 4, c. 76 ; and 9 Geo. 4, c. 75.

#### THE FAMILY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

It has already been mentioned, in deference to very ancient tradition, that this ennobled surname in Ireland originated in the fortuitous circumstance of Sir Armoricus, who first appears to have acquired it, having obtained the victory that assured the patrimony of his descendants on St. Lawrence's day. It must, however, be remarked, that the most remote annals of France abound with records of families of "St. Laurent," and "St. Laurens," and that, as if some scions of these houses had passed into England with



the Conqueror, or soon after, Robert de St. Lawrence and Osbert de St. Lawrence are found early in the twelfth century proprietors of lands in Hampshire, which descended to their heirs male.

That the name rather originated in Normandy, and was inherited by Sir Armoricus, would seem in a certain degree supported by the equally accredited tradition, that it was in the Church of Rouen this warrior and de Courcy became sworn companions in arms. There they "solemnly vowed," says Hanmer, "to serve together, to live and die together, and equally to divide between them what they won by the sword, or should be given them in regard of their service. Thus they continued in France, Anjou, Normandy, and England, and, when Sir John de Courcy was joined in commission with William de Burgo, Fitz Adelm, and others, Sir Armoricus de St. Lawrence accompanied him into Ireland, where de Courcy received a grant of the king by patent for him and his heirs or assigns after him to enjoy in that land all that he could conquer with the sword, reserving to the king homage and fealty. They landed at Howth, and there fought a cruel fight by the side of a bridge, when Sir John de Courcy being sickly, tarried aboard the ship. Sir Armoricus, being chieftain and general of the field by land, behaved himself most worthily; many were slain on both sides, but Sir Armoricus got the victory, with the loss of seven of his own blood, sons, uncles, and nephews; whereupon, for his singular valour and good service there performed, that lordship was allotted unto him for his part of the conquest, with other things which Sir John de Courcy gave him. Immediately Sir John, Sir Armoricus, and Sir Roger le Poer, (who afterwards married the niece of Sir Armoricus), so well appointed as then contented them, directed their course towards the north, the principal cause that moved them (besides their valour) was the hard government of William Fitz Adelm, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.\* The same historian gives a very animated account of the achievements of these comrade warriors in Ulster. In one engagement "Sir Armoricus, sore wounded, was laid under a hedge where he left much blood, and was carried away between four men;

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\* Hanmer's Chonicle of Ireland.

his wounds were so many and so dangerous, that no physician or surgeon could promise life the space of nine days, yet in the end he recovered. Next unto him was his son, Sir Nicholas St. Lawrence, a most valiant knight, so sore wounded in nine several places that he was once left for dead, but at length recovered, to the great comfort of his friends." About the year 1189 the gallant father perished under circumstances well suited to the chivalry of his life. De Courcy's settlements in Ulster having been threatened by Cathal O'Connor, Sir Armoricus marched with a little body of two hundred foot and thirty cavalry into Connaught, for the purpose of causing a diversion in his favour. Cathal was, however, informed of their motions, and, resolving to intercept them, the brave knight soon found they had incautiously fallen into an ambush, where a vastly superior force lay ready to destroy them. To contend offered no hope of success, to surrender was dishonourable and dangerous. In this desperate emergency the love of life so far prevailed upon the cavalry, that they resolved to trust to the fleetness of their horses before they were entirely surrounded, and leave their companions to their fate, but the infantry, hearing of this intention, with the brother of Armoricus at their head, gathered round their companions, reproached them with their ignoble purpose, reminded them of the many toils and dangers in which they had supported each other, the friendships and affinities they had mutually formed, the attachment and fidelity they had experienced from each other, and finally conjured them by every tender and effective motive not to disgrace their former conduct, nor abandon their fellow soldiers and their brethren to the fury of a barbarous and revengeful enemy. The heroic spirit was restored. Sir Armoricus "lighted, kneeled upon his knees, kissed the cross of his sword, and ran his horse through, saying, thou shalt never serve against me that so worthily hast served with me. The like did all the rest." Two, the youngest of this body were ordered to retire to a neighbouring eminence, there to view the engagement, and bear a faithful report to de Courcy of the conduct of his friends in this their last hour of desperate encounter. "It was a bloody day, when all at the one side and 1,000 of the other side fell to the ground." Cathal founded the fine Abbey of Knockmoy, in the county Galway, on the field of action, a monument

even more commemorative of the romantic valour of his enemies than of his own glory.

Sir Armoricus had issue by the sister of de Courcy, three sons, the two younger of whom were slain on Good Friday, 1203, in assisting their said uncle against Lacy's men, who fell upon them when unarmed in the churchyard of Downpatrick. Sir Nicholas, the eldest son, was sent to England on his father's death, to inform the king of the situation of affairs, whence returning to Ireland he was obliged to content himself with the lands of Howth, and to suffer the conquests of his relatives in Ulster to be appropriated to monasteries and abbies. In the archives of Lord Howth is a deed, whereby this Sir Nicholas confirmed to his son Almaric all Howth with its appurtenances. This deed is witnessed by John Comyn Archbishop of Dublin, John de Courcy, Hugh Tyrrel, Robert Tyrrel, William Petit, Geoffrey de Constantine, Adam de Hereford, Richard de Hereford, Geoffrey de Nugent, Adam de Phepoe, Richard Talbot, Robert de Nugent, Andrew de Courtyn, Richard de Castello, Robert de Cornwallsh, &c.

In reference to the Norman stock it may be here observed, that in 1191 Sir Robert St. Lawrence was signalized by Richard Cœur de Lion, for his bravery in scaling the walls of Acre, while in 1224 Simon de St. Lawrence was a considerable benefactor to the Priory "du Mont aux Malades" in Rouen. On the other hand, however, it must be noticed that various records are extant of this century, relative to the members of the Tristram family, in Wiltshire, Berkshire, Kent, Oxfordshire, and Yorkshire.

About the year 1317 the Lord Lieutenant, for some most urgent reasons touching the king, granted the wardship and marriage of Nicholas, son and heir of Adam Lord of Howth, to John Plunkett of Bewley, in the county of Louth, whose daughter Alicia this Nicholas afterwards married.\* He became the twelfth baron, and is mentioned by Marleburgh as a nobleman "of singular honesty." In 1369 he witnessed a grant of the lands of Rowlagh to the Priory of St. John the Baptist. In 1373 he was summoned to a great council, and also sat in the parliament of 1375. In

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\* Roll in Ch. Rememb. Offic.

1376 he was one of the members for this county, in the remarkable parliament which Edward the Third assembled on summons at Westminster, and in 1381 was appointed one of the guardians of the peace of this county.

In 1380 Peter de Howth, who had married Matilda, daughter and co-heiress of Sir Thomas de Verdon, and for whose lands he then did homage and swore fealty to the king, was by patent ordered to be put into possession of her inheritance which was held of the crown by her father in capite.

In 1456 Sir Christopher St. Lawrence, the fourteenth Lord, was, by act of parliament, appointed a member of the Privy Council for life, with a fee for his services in that office; and similar services, it may be observed, were sometimes considered of such importance and trust, that in 1547 Fulco de la Freyne on a like commission had an annuity granted to him of forty pounds, an enormous sum in those days.

Sir Robert St. Lawrence, the fifteenth Baron of Howth, was made Chancellor of the green wax of the Exchequer by patent, in 1467. In 1474 he was one of "the thirteen of the most noble and worthy persons within the four shires," composing the fraternity or brotherhood of St. George, and who assumed that title from the circumstance of their assembling annually at Dublin, to express their zeal for English government. In 1483 he was constituted Lord Chancellor of Ireland by Richard the Third. He married the daughter of the Duke of Somerset, by whom he had four sons and two daughters. In 1485 William de St. Lawrence of Stapolin, was seised in fee of the castle and 440 acres in Laggagh in the County Meath, which he held of the Archbishop of Dublin, as of his manor of Eniskeen, by the service of a red rose yearly on the feast of St. John the Baptist.

In 1490 Sir Nicholas (of whom further particulars, more especially connected with Howth, are detailed in its history,) was present in parliament, and again in that of 1493, held by the Lord Deputy Kildare, previous to the famous battle of Knocktow, on which latter occasion this nobleman led the bill men, and throughout the day fought on foot. In 1509 he was made Lord Chancellor of Ireland. In 1535 Thomas Howth of Artane, was second Justice of the King's Bench; and the act of absentees of

1537, contains a special saving of his rights. Notwithstanding his judicial situation, it would seem that in 1539 this Thomas was retained as council for the religious houses of Ballybogan, Clonard, Great Conall, and Kilmainham, each of whom granted him an annuity for such his service.

Sir Christopher, the seventeenth Lord of Howth, was one of the peers who sat in the parliament of 1541, on which occasion he signed the following interesting announcement to Henry the Eighth, of his having been at that parliament proclaimed King of Ireland. "After our most humble and bounden duties it may please your most excellent Majesty to be advertised, that your Highness's parliament began *crastino Trinitatis*, and the Tuesday next following, resorted to the same, the Earls of Ormond and Desmond, and with them the Lord Barry, the Lord Roche, the Lord Fitz Maurice, and hither came also the Lord Bermingham of Anery in Connaught, which lords have not been here of many years before: and the Thursday being Corpus Christi day, after a solemn mass of the Holy Ghost, resorted to the parliament chamber, where the commons presented to us their speaker, one Sir Thomas Cusack, who made a right good proposition in laud and praise of your Majesty, most worthily deserved, and also declared what benefit came of obedience to princes and observing of laws; which, after being answered by your Grace's Chancellor in English, and by the Earl of Ormand declared in Irish, much contented the said lords and commons. And the Friday, being there again assembled, the bill, whereby your Majesty should be made king of this realm, was read and declared to the said Lords, who most willingly with all the rest of the lords spiritual and temporal consented to the same, and, after three times read with like consent, it was sent to the lower house, where it likewise passed with no less joy and gladness. We send to your Majesty the names of all such lords, both English and Irish, as were at the same, and gave their liberal consents thereunto. Your Majesty's servants, Donogh O'Brien and O'Brien's attorneys appeared at this parliament, and willingly gave their consents to the same act; but for O'Neill, we cannot perceive that ever he will come to any honest conformity, but judge him to be the only poison and gall of this your realm. Over this it may please your Majesty to

be advertised, that O'Reilly, being here at your Grace's parliament, and wearing the apparel which your Highness sent unto him of your Grace's gift, made humble suit unto us to be petitioners for him unto your Majesty, that he might have and hold his lands upon your Highness to him and to his heirs for ever ; wherefore, your Grace so contented, because he is a man of great power, we think it convenient that he have the honour of a Viscount, and that he be called the Viscount of the Cavan, which is the chief town in his county."

In 1548, the before-mentioned justice, Thomas Howth, was one of the Privy Council who signed a recommendation to the crown, advertising his Majesty, that after the despatch of the Lord O'Brien, Fitz William, and others, with letters to his Majesty, "an Irish captain called Shedagh Mac Namara, bordering upon the said O'Brien's lands, and Lord of Cloncullen in Thomond, required us to write likewise to your Majesty in his behalf, who would also repair to do his duty to your Highness, and to declare his humble obedience to the same, with further petition that it might please your Majesty not only to advance him to the honour of a Baron, by name of Cloncullen, but also, that he may hold such lands and possessions as he now hath of your Majesty, by knight's service to him and to his heirs, with place in your parliament accordingly. And, for that the said Mac Namara is a man, whose ancestors have in those parts always borne a great sway, and one that for himself is of honest conformity, whose lands lie wholly on the furside of the Shannon, we most humbly beseech your Majesty, to regard him according your princely bounty. \* \* \* But, what grant soever your Majesty make to any of that sort, it may please your Highness to will a special proviso and condition to be inserted in your letters patents, that the same shall not be meant nor expounded to entitle any of them, or their heirs, to any land or dominion on this side the said water of the Shannon," &c.

Richard, the nineteenth Lord of Howth, was, in the reign of Edward the Sixth, sent into the territory of Lecale with 100 horse, to aid in banishing the Scots from Ulster ; and Christopher, the twentieth Baron, sat in both the parliaments of Elizabeth, respectively held in 1559 and 1585. He was also, in 1559 and 1563, joined in commissions, particularly alluded to at these years in the " General History of the County of Dublin," and in 1576

was one of those who signed the remonstrance for and on behalf of the Lords of the Pale.

A Norman reminiscence is here suggested by a monument in the church of St. Denis at Rouen, commemorating the death in 1560 of "Monsieur Pierre de St. Laurens, Sieur du Vieil manoir, &c., de Grand pré, Conseiller en la Cour, &c."

Sir Nicholas, the twenty-first Lord of Howth, was knighted in the memorable year of 1588, and in 1593 brought to the general hosting on the hill of Tara, six archers on horseback for Howth, and one for Killester. He was, also, one of the peers who sat in the parliament of 1595.

In 1599, Sir Christopher St. Lawrence, son to the Lord of Howth, being in the train of the Earl of Essex, on the occasion of the attack on the castle of Cahir, was sent "in the beginning of the night (May 29), with 300 kern-men to possess an island which lieth from the castle north-east (not more than harquebuss shot), and to break up two bridges, one of which leadeth from the island to the main, and the other from the same island to the castle," in which enterprise he completely succeeded. This gallant young gentleman was afterwards brought into much trouble by his attachment to his unfortunate leader on this occasion, the Earl of Essex. "Sir Christopher St. Lawrence," writes Rowland Whyte to Sir Robert Sydney in October, 1599, "at an ordinary, took a cup and drank to the health of my Lord of Essex, and to the confusion of his enemies. He was called in question for it before the Lord Treasurer, where he did not deny his words, but would justify them if any enemy of my Lord Essex did find fault with him. I heard my Lord Treasurer did school him, but nothing else done unto him." \* \* \* And, in another letter, "The Lord of Dunkelly, Sir Christopher St. Lawrence and others, that are come out of Ireland, were at court, and presented themselves before her Majesty. She used them very graciously, but told them they had made a scornful journey." \* \* \* Again, "Sir John Gilbert came to Sir Christopher St. Lawrence's chamber, he being a-bed, and told him that he came to know, if, because he did not pledge the health of my Lord of Essex the same day he drank to it, and to the damnation of his enemies, he would stab him, for so it was given out that Sir Christopher should say; but, Sir Christopher

said it was a lie, that he, at that time, drunk to the Earl's health, and the gentlemen to whom he drank, pledged it, and that what he said there he would maintain with his sword in his shirt against any man. Sir John replied, that he pledged it not because he was allied to a contrary faction." In a letter of the same correspondence, dated on the last day of the said month, Whyte says, "My Lord Mountjoy must go into Ireland, and the Lords upon Monday were at York House, to confer with my Lord Essex upon the state of Ireland. They were long with him, he continues still as he did, and I hear no hope of any speedy liberty. It is verily believed that her Majesty will have his contempts called to public question. All captains that have charge in Ireland are commanded to be gone. Upon Sunday, St. Lawrence was at council table, where 200 told him that he had used indecent speeches of him, and took him to be his professed enemy. St. Lawrence answered that he never offended his honour, that he knew both how to govern himself and his speech towards him, that whosoever told him of it was a villain, and that if he would name him, he would make him deny it. Aye, by G— that he would ; all this with very great reverence to the place, but passionate as a soldier moved with the speeches of so great a counsellor. He was commanded to return to his charge; he replied, 'that he had but a poor command there, that he had great business here to stay, which he would acquaint their Lordships withal, if it pleased them to hear it, that he was willing to quit it to any other.' I think he hath a company of 100 foot, and some horse. It was told him he was an Irishman; he said, 'I am sorry that when I am in England I should be esteemed an Irishman, and in Ireland an Englishman. I have spent my blood, engaged and endangered my life often to do her Majesty service, and do beseech to have it so regarded.'"

In 1600 this chivalrous soldier was a colonel of foot at the fight of Carlingford, with the Lord Deputy Mountjoy, in the expedition against Tyrone. In July of the following year, "Mountjoy," as Moryson relates, "having in person reconnoitred the woods and fastnesses, despatched Sir Christopher St. Lawrence's regiment to Benburb, where was the ancient residence of Shane O'Neill, environed with woods. Here a considerable



Irish force had assembled, and a sharp conflict of three hours' duration ensued. The battle was fought in view of the Deputy's camp, whence reinforcements were detached to the English as occasion required. Tyrone's troops were finally defeated with the loss of 200 men." He afterwards acquitted himself with singular bravery at the siege of Kinsale, as is fully testified in the *Pacata Hibernia*. Yet, in 1607, he and Lord Delvin were apprehended as having participated in the rebellion of Tyrone and Tyrconnel.

In 1634 Nicholas, the twenty-third Lord of Howth, was one of the peers who took part in the procession of that talented despot, Lord Strafford, to St. Patrick's Cathedral, previous to his opening the sessions of parliament; and in 1641 he was amongst those of the Pale whom the Lords Justices and Privy Council of Ireland invited to a conference at the castle, "on the estate of the kingdom; on which occasion, only he, the Earl of Kildare, and Lord Fitz William attended. In the same year, a royal writ, dated at Bristol, was directed to him amongst others, the king's liege subjects, to receive the great seal which had been sent over by Sir William Welles, Lord Chancellor, and commanding that all grants of the old seal, from the first day of the reign, should be vacated and thereby annulled. Christopher St. Lawrence of Cruisetown, was one of the confederate Catholics who assembled at Kilkenny in 1647. •

William, the twenty-fourth lord, by his will, bearing date in May, 1671, ordered his body to be buried in the monument of his ancestors near his father in Howth church, provided for the payment of his debts and his daughter's fortunes, and, because his son Thomas was but of tender years, directed that the guardianship of him and his younger brother should be committed to his well-beloved Thomas Earl of Ossory, bequeathing to his younger son Charles, and his heirs, all his estate in England, desiring that the woods thereon might be sold and converted to his best advantage, and that, as soon as he was fit for it, he might be either sent to study the laws of England, or bound unto some merchant. To his son Thomas he gave the great seal of the family, and, if his executors found assets sufficient, he desired a new vault and tomb might be made in the church of Howth for his father's and

mother's bones, and his and his family's interment, (in regard the old vault was well nigh full,) in the same place where his father and mother then lay, &c.

Thomas, the twenty-fifth Baron, sat in King's James's parliament in 1689, as he did in 1692 in the first after the revolution, and in 1697 signed the association and declaration in defence of the person and government of King William, and the succession as settled by act of parliament. In 1767 Thomas, the twenty-seventh Lord, was created Viscount St. Lawrence and Earl of Howth.

Various other notices of the family are given at the localities to which they apply, and may be traced by the general index ; but Camden's remarks should not be overlooked. "By a singular happiness," he says, "during so long a series of years not one of the St. Lawrences of Howth has been convicted of treason, nor any left in a state of minority ;" the latter clause of the congratulation is, however, contradicted by the pedigree.

#### IRELAND'S EYE.

This interesting island, lying immediately off Howth, is supposed to be that which Ptolemy calls "Adri deserta," Pliny "Andros," and Richard of Cirencester "Edria." It is of a pyramidal form, and composed chiefly of quartz rock, which, like that in Howth, exhibits the phenomena of contortions in great variety and distinctness ; the quartz being interstratified with schistose rocks of a great variety of colours, rendering by their contrast the curvatures of the beds very apparent. It has a high rocky ascent on the Howth side, precipices called the Stags on the east, which have proved very dangerous to ships, and a shelving bank at south and east, which produces many curious medicinal plants, that in the months of May and June yield a strong, heavy odour.

Rabbits abound on the island, and in reference to its ornithology, the cross-bill, *loxia*, a bird which destroys pines and fir trees, has been seen upon it occasionally, as also the *columba rupicola*, or rock pigeon ; while, in more ancient times, the island was noted for a fine breed of goshawks, that used to build among its rocks. They were in high esteem among falconers, being flown at cranes, pheasants, partridges, and geese, while their habit of preying upon wild geese is said to have been the origin of their name.

On the south side of the island are the ruins of a small, but very ancient chapel, founded, according to tradition, by St. Nesson in the sixth century ; and, in whose sequestered sanctuary he is said to have past the evening of a well spent life in abstinence and prayer. From its gable sprang a round belfry, the stump of which yet remains.

Many curious legends still survive relative to St. Nesson's residence in the island, and the temptations, he endured here, have each "a local habitation and a name." Lanigan, however, thinks, and it is generally most safe to agree with him, that the history of Nesson has no foundation in truth. "There was no Nesson in that island, but we find that three holy men, sons of Nesson of the royal house of Leinster, inhabited it in the seventh century, and their memory was revered there on the 15th of March, at which day Colgan treats of them. The island, from them, got the name of Inis-mac-Nesson, or island of the sons of Nesson, as it appears in a brief of Pope Alexander the Third to St. Lawrence O'Toole."

It is said that in this abbey was deposited and preserved that copy of the Four Gospels preeminently styled, "the Garland of Howth," of which Archbishop Allen has written, that it was held "in such esteem and veneration, that good men scarcely dared to take an oath upon it, for fear of the judgment of God being immediately shown on those who should favour themselves."

In 1179, Pope Alexander the Third granted to the See of Dublin (*inter alia*) this island with its appendages, an endowment which was further confirmed by John, when Earl of Morton, and subsequently by Pope Clement the Third to that see. In 1337 it was again assured to the see by King Edward, and also in 1394, by King Richard during his sojourn in Dublin.

In 1543 Sir Christopher St. Lawrence, knight, contested the right to Ireland's Eye with the Archbishop of Dublin, when the Lord Chancellor decided that it belonged to the See of Dublin, and that Lord Howth never had any seisin thereof, otherwise than by the license of the Archbishop for the time being, and at a certain reserved rent. It is accordingly so still held by the Earl of Howth.

The botany of Ireland's Eye exhibits *iris fœtidissima*, the roast-beef plant; *aira præcox*, early hair-grass; *crithmum maritimum*, sea samphire; *thalictrum minus*, lesser meadow-rue; *spartium scoparium*, common broom; the *rosa villosa*, garden rose in various parts of its surface; *mesogloia multifida*, which stains water to a pink colour.—In marshy spots, *montia fontana*, water blinks; *senecio aquaticus*, marsh ragwort; *carex recurva*, heath-sedge.—On the rocks, *statice armeria*, sea-pink; *geranium sanguineum*, bloody crane's-bill; *lavatera arborea*, tree-mallow;

*scilla verna*, vernal squill, a sweet and rare flower with blue and white bells.—On the sandy shores, *arenaria marina*, spurry sandwort, *aira flexuosa*, waved mountain hair-grass; *euphorbia Portlandica*, Portland spurge.

The tourist, returning to the mainland, cannot leave the scenery of Howth and its fine promontory, without admitting, that were it within six times the distance from London that it is from Dublin, it would long before this be a diadem of picturesque attraction.

Passing the church and castle on the left, the parish school is seen on the right, which is principally supported by Lord Howth. The succeeding sea-coast presents some good salt-marshes, the pasture of which is considered restorative for cattle.

Following the road from Howth to Beldoyle, the botanist will find on the sandy warren in that direction *verbascum thapsus*, great mullein; *salsola kali*, prickly saltwort; *gentiana campestris*, field gentian; *eryngium maritimum*, sea holly; *conium maculatum*, common hemlock; *statice reticulata*, matted thrift; *arundo arenaria*, sea reed; *triticum junceum*, rushy wheat grass; *campanula rotundifolia*, round-leaved bell flower; *rumex acetosella*, sheep's sorrel; *triglochin maritimum*, sea arrow grass; *scleranthus annuus*, annual knowel; *arenaria serpyllifolia*, thyme-leaved sandwort; *spargula nodosa*, knotted spurrey; a variety of *rosa spinosissima*, burnet rose, with white flowers; *thalictrum minus*, lesser meadow rue; *stachys palustris*, marsh woundwort; *antirrhinum lina-*

*ria*, yellow toad flax, the expressed juice of which, mixed with milk, is poison for flies ; *raphanus raphanistrum*, wild radish ; *hyoscyamus niger*, common henbane ; *trifolium procumbens*, hop trefoil ; *carex arenaria*, sea sedge ; *littorella lacustris*, shore weed ; *atriplex laciniata*, frosted sea-orache ; *carlina vulgaris*, the seeds of which, as of many other plants of the same class, are furnished with a plume, by which admirable mechanism they perform long aerial journeys, crossing lakes and deserts, and are thus disseminated far from the original plant, having much the appearance of a shuttlecock as they fly. It is further to be observed, that the flowers of this thistle expand themselves in a star, and form a beautiful appearance in dry weather, but shut themselves up against moist, whence, being immersed in a bottle of water, and exposed to the air, they make an excellent hygrometer, and retain the quality for a long time. On these sands may also be observed *ranunculus parviflorus*, small-flowered crowfoot ; *blysmus rufus*, narrow-leaved blysmus, flowering in July, &c.

#### BELDOYLE,

the next locality, is a fishing village about six Irish miles from the metropolis, situated upon a cold, bleak strand, but commanding a good prospect of Howth, Ireland's Eye, and Lambay. There are eight wheries and four smacks engaged in the fisheries here, employing about one hundred persons. Its harbour is nearly dry, boats cannot enter it before last quarter flood, and the general rise of tides is about twelve

feet ; there are, however, good landing beaches, with conveniences for drying nets.

A handsome chapel is in progress of erection here. It is to have a nave eighty-four feet long by forty broad, and thirty-five high, with suitable transepts and a cupola. Near it are two capacious charity schools, founded in 1831, one for boys, the other for girls. They are supported partly out of grants of £18 to the former, and £17 to the latter, annually, from the National Board, and partly on Mr. Keary's bequest, hereafter mentioned. The total number of their pupils was 119 in 1834.

This maritime parish bears the name of the village, and extends over 1422A. 3R. 12P. Its rectory being entirely inappropriate in the corporation of Dublin, it ranks as but a curacy in the union of Howth, annexed with it and Killbarrock to a prebend in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The curate used, until late years, to receive a stipend of £10 annually from the corporation, who are also the principal proprietors of the fee (to the amount of £450 per annum) under the grant made to them of the possessions of the Priory of Aroasian Canons of All Hallows.

Some particulars of the order of Regular Canons of St. Augustine, of which the Aroasians were a branch, and so called from an abbey in the diocese of Arras, in Flanders, are given at "Holmpatrick."

The Earl of Howth is also a proprietor of part of the fee of this parish. Rent varies within it from £2 to £6 per acre, and a cabin without land is let for about £2 per annum, the wages of labour being 8s. per

week. This parish accounts likewise in the Roman Catholic Union of Howth. The census of its comparative population returns the Roman Catholics as 1,053, and the Protestants as 85, while the number of labourers therein and in Killbarrock is said to be 139, of whom 83 get constant employment, the remainder occasional.

So early as in the year 1040 Sitric, the Danish King of Dublin, bestowed, towards the founding of Christ Church, "the land, manor, villeins, cows, and corn of Beldoyle." This, however, seems to have conveyed but a portion of the district, for, in a century afterwards, Dermot Mac Murrough, on founding the priory of All Saints, near Dublin (on whose site Trinity College now stands,) assigned to Bishop Edan O'Killedy, for its use, the lands of Beldoyle, with the farmers and serfs living thereon, as also the lands of Balencongalan, Canturk (Clonturk), Duncarnac (Donnycarney), Rubanagan, Knockclishan, and Kaldronan.\*

In 1184 King Henry confirmed Dermot's grant to All Saints, and in 1200 King John gave a similar assurance of title to Christ Church of what it possessed under Sitric's endowment.

In 1270 Nicholas, the sixth Lord Howth, entered into a contract with the prior and convent of All Saints concerning their portion of Beldoyle, and confirmed their part as they held the same "in frankalmoign by gift of the ancient Irish kings."

In 1369 a parliament was held here by William de Windsor, then Lord Deputy of Ireland, at which certain exorbitant assessments and talliages were laid upon the Pale. These afterwards became the subject of popular remonstrances, and were impugned as passed in a place where it was represented there were no buildings but a small chapel, and consequently no accommodation for the commons convened thither, who were thus constrained the sooner to grant the subsidies sought. For a notice in 1418, see at "Donnybrook."

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\* Rot. in Tur. Lond.



In 1537 the Nugent family were seised of certain lands here, see at "Balgriffin."

Immediately previous to the dissolution, the Prior of All Saints was seised of twenty gardens, sixty acres of arable land, four of meadow, sixteen of pasture, one of copse, and a warren of an acre here; also of four messuages, five cottages, two hundred acres of arable land, twelve of meadow, twelve of pasture, and four of wood, in the Grange of Beldoyle, while the rectory of Beldoyle was also appropriate to that religious house.\* Its possessions were thereupon granted to the corporation of the city of Dublin, on account of their opposing and suffering by the rebellion of Thomas Fitzgerald, and they are still the proprietors thereof. The annual rental of the estates, which the corporation obtained by right of the religious house of All Hallows alone, amounts to £4,790 per annum.

At the time of the regal visitation in 1615, Patrick Behan was the incumbent of Beldoyle, which he held with St. Doulogh's, Balgriffin, and Malahide.

In 1697 Charles Smith was returned as parish priest of Howth, Beldoyle, Portmarnock, and Balgriffin, and resident in Beldoyle.

In 1793 an attempt was made by the Rev. Walter Blake Kirwan, then rector of the union of Howth and Beldoyle, to levy tithes from this townland, when it was determined to resist the claim as obsolete and unfounded, the city lands there having been from time immemorial tithe free.

In 1829 Michael Keary, before mentioned, bequeathed £500 for educating the poor children here, which sum has been vested in government funds, and its interest duly applied within the union.

In 1831 died here the Rev. Michael Bernard Keogh, who was parish priest of this union for thirteen years, and a preacher of such estimable celebrity that it is unnecessary at this recent interval to affect to recall his merits. A contemporary periodical thus characterizes the style of his sermons:—"He is not what the world generally deems a finished orator, a measurer of sentences, an elaborate constructor of periods, a struggler after the imaginary

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\* Inquis. 30. Hen. 8. in Ch. Rememb. Offic.

graces of pronunciation, a sedulous observer of all the school-worn laws of gesticulation. He is not an orator of this class, he appears rather to rely upon the innate dignity of his profession, the soundness of the doctrine which he promulgates, and the natural resources of his own mind. He seeks not to propitiate you by any borrowed embellishments, he scorns to attract your attention by the specious charlatanism of ordinary rhetoricians, he comes before you in the simple but lofty character of a Christian minister, as one empowered and deputed to address you in the name of heaven; he teaches you even at the first glance to feel, that it is not his part to flatter your prejudices, to study the peculiarity of your taste, or to accommodate his opinions and expressions to your previously indulged habits; he wrings from you by his air and manner a tacit acknowledgment of his supremacy, and you stand before him in submissive silence as one bound to listen with unbroken attention to what ever he may choose to utter." He was interred in the vaults of St. Michael's and St. John's Catholic church, and a marble monument in the chapel of this parish records the virtues of its pastor.

The botany of Beldoyle presents *lycopsis arvensis*, bugloss; *viola tricolor*, pansy violet; *viola lutea*, yellow pansy; *erythræa centaurium*, common centaury; *agrostema githago*, corn cockle; *cerastium arvense*, field mouse-ear chickweed; *spargula arvensis*, corn spurrey; *papaver dubium*, long smooth-headed poppy; *papaver somniferum*, white poppy; *raphanus raphanistrum*, wild radish; *vicia cracca*, tufted vetch; *vicia sativa*, common vetch.—In the sandy banks, fields and waste grounds, *erodium cicutarium*, hemlock stork's bill; *geranium molle*, soft crane's bill, and a variety thereof with white flowers; *sonchus arvensis*, corn sow thistle; *crepis biennis*, rough hawk's beard; *euphorbia paralia*, sea spurge; *carduus marianus*, milk thistle; *gnaphalium ger-*

*manicum*, common cud weed ; *senecio viscosus*, fetid groundsel ; *lychnis flos cuculi*, ragged robin ; *trifolium arvense*, hare's foot trefoil.—In the hedges, *trifolium officinale*, melilot.—In the meadows, *apargia autumnalis*, autumnal hawkbit.—In the corn fields, *chrysanthemum segetum*, corn marigold ; *lolium temulentum*, bearded darnel.—In the gravelly heaths, *apargia hirta*, deficient hawk bit, and in the muddy sea shore, *salicornia herbacea*, marsh samphire ; *carex distans*, loose carex.

A dreary road issues from this village towards Portmarnock, having at right a great scope of shore, which might be easily, and at a small expense, rescued from the tide ; at left a tract of salt marsh, and an extensive coney-burrow, while in front the island of Lambay and the heights about Malahide give a feature of the picturesque to the scene. After passing the bridge at Maine, a road turns at left to Balgriffin, following the course of the little streamlet that rises near Ballymun, and gliding through Belcamp, Balgriffin, and Stapolin, passes here into the sea. Continuing hence along the shore to Portmarnock, the road traverses the salt marsh and coney-burrow before alluded to, partially overgrown with furze, and exhibiting to the more curious botanic inquirer, the *scirpus rufus*, brown club rush ; *scirpus maritimus*, salt marsh club rush ; *daucus maritimus*, wild carrot ; *thymus serpyllum*, wild thyme ; *gnaphalium uliginosum*, marsh cudweed ; *scirpus glaucus*, glaucous club rush ; *salicornia herbacea*, marsh samphire ; *chara vulgaris*, common chara ; *lemna tri-*

*sulca*, ivy-leaved duck weed; *lycopus Europæus*, gipsy wort; *scabiosa succisa*, devil's bit scabious; *menyanthes trifoliata*, marsh trefoil; *chenopodium maritimum*, sea goose foot; *sium inundatum*, least water parsnip; *schœnus rufus*, red bog rush; *schœnus nigricans*, black bog rush; *œnanthe peucedanifolia*, water dropwort; *œnanthe pimpinelloides*, parsley water dropwort, flowering in July; *linum catharticum*, purging flax; *trifolium arvense*, hare's foot trefoil; *calyx distans*, loose sedge; *saxifraga granulata*, white meadow saxifrage, flowering in May—the double white saxifrage of the gardens is a species of this; *melilotus officinalis*, common yellow melilot, flowering in June and July; *statice spathulata*, upright spiked sea lavender; *statice limonium*, common sea lavender, flowering in July and August.—While on the road side, in the same direction, are found *malva rotundifolia*, dwarf mallow; and *papaver hybridum*, round rough-headed poppy.

“ Sopha'd on silk, amid her charm-built towers,  
Her meads of asphodel, and amaranth bowers,  
Where sleep and silence guard the soft abodes,  
In sullen apathy *papaver* nods.”

Presently the tourist reaches the hamlet of

#### PORTMARNOCK,

with the venerable mansion-house of the Plunketts peering from its ancient woods, on the brink of a little nameless river that rises above Kinsaly, winds by its old church, and here empties itself into the sea. On its opposite bank is a mill worked by a stream and by

an arm of the sea. It is, however, wholly useless in summer, and even during a great portion of the winter, although a very trifling expenditure would enhance its advantages to the neighbourhood. Near the mansion-house is a moat surrounded with old trees. The ancient church, which was the burial place of the Plunkett family, has long since fallen into decay. The present is a small structure without ornaments or tombs, while the grave-yard exhibits but the solitary one of a Mr. Trumbull.

The rectory of Portmarnock is entirely improper. The parish, therefore, ranks ecclesiastically as but a curacy, in the deanery of Swords, and in the archbishop's gift. It borders on the sea, extends over 2326A. OR. 21P., has nine acres of glebe, and in the Catholic arrangement is in the union of Howth. The late census of the comparative population states the Catholics here as three hundred and sixty-two, and the Protestants as eighty-three. Mr. Luke Plunkett is a principal proprietor of the fee; the Grange, however, belongs to Lord Milltown. Arable land here, and in the adjoining townland of Carrickhill, is let for a rent of about £4 per acre, while the sandy skirts produce £2, the labourer's wages being from 7s. to 8s. per week.

Henry the Second, whilst in Ireland, granted the lands of Portmarnock to the Abbey of the Blessed Virgin in Dublin, with all rights, &c., as before mentioned at "Ratheny," which grant was confirmed by the bull of Pope Clement the Third in 1189. A bull, it may be here remarked, is the term given to letters apostolic containing the decrees or commandments of the pope. It acquired this appellation from the bulla ornament attached to it.

Bulls are always written on parchment, and sealed with lead or green wax, and thereby distinguished from briefs. They are divided into two sorts, the one appertaining to an act of justice, the other to an act of grace. In the former instance the lead attached to the bull is hung by a hempen cord, in the latter by a silken thread. This pendent lead or seal bears the impression on one side of the heads of St. Peter and St. Paul, and on the other of the name of the pope and the year of his pontificate. Besides the seal or lead, they have usually a cross, with some text of scripture or other religious motto attached to them. On the death of a pope his name is immediately erased from the pontifical seal, which, being thereupon carefully wrapt up in a linen cloth, is delivered to the chamberlain, under the seal of the vice-chancellor, to be preserved by him until the election of a new pontiff.

King John, at the commencement of his reign, confirmed to the religious house of the Blessed Virgin the lands of Portmarnock, Lisban, and Munmackan, with the chapel of Portmarnock and all its appurtenances, to be enjoyed by the grantees, freed from any secular service or exaction whatsoever. It was accordingly a manor or lordship in their hands; a dispute, however, soon after arose between one Elias Cumin and the abbot, concerning the lands between Portmarnock, the Grange, and the town of Kinsaly, which was compromised by that portion being equally divided between them, the part contiguous to the Grange being assigned to the monks, while the other portion near Kinsaly was to be enjoyed by Elias.\*

For a notice of Portmarnock in 1540, see at "Ballyboghill."

On the dissolution, the aforesaid abbey was found to have been seised of three messuages, 240*l.* arable, 10*l.* meadow, and 12*l.* pasture, in the Grange of Portmarnock, annual value £12; also, of nine messuages and ten cottages, 220*l.* arable, 5*l.* meadow, and a stang of pasture in Portmarnock, annual value £11 17*s.* 0*d.*; two tide-mills, a water-course, and a rabbit-burrow, annual value £4; also of the rectory of Portmarnock,

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\* Archdall, Mon. Hib. p. 154.

extending over the townlands of Portmarnock, the Grange of Portmarnock, and Robs-wall, annual value, £10 5s. 0d.\* The Grange and warren were thereupon, together with the mills, (properly called tidemills, being supplied with water from the sea,) demised to the Earl of Ormond, and the reversion subsequently granted to Sir Patrick Barnewall. In 1603, however, Sir George Carew, knight, passed patent for the Grange of Portmarnock, 261 acres, with all the tithes and customs thereof, stated as having been theretofore demised to the Earl of Ormond in 1575; while in the following year the Earl of Thomond had a grant of the tithes of the town and lands of Portmarnock, as demised in 1578 to Thomas Earl of Ormond. The Earl of Thomond had a further grant in 1609 of the Grange of Portmarnock, 261 acres, with all and singular royal fisheries and fishings adjoining to said premises. In consequence of these and other subsequent grants, a very heavy litigation ensued in the eighteenth century between Nicholas Lord Kingsland and the Kingston family.

For a notice in 1602, see at "Dalkey;" about which time an inquisition was taken relative to the tithes of Portmarnock, which defines the rights therein as they then existed.

In 1615 the commissioners on royal visitation reported this place to be without a clergyman, and the great tithes and altarages granted away. They accordingly assigned John Etheridge for the cure. For a notice in the same year, see at "White-Church."

In 1668 Walter Plunkett was found seised of the town and lands of the Grange Portmarnock, 383 acres plantation measure; yet in a few years afterwards, the same were, with the mill, on inquisition, alleged to be the property of Lord Kingsland, who actually passed patent for them, with other extensive tracts, in 1660 and 1685, while Luke Plunkett was, on the latter occasion, found seised of 211 acres in the townland of Portmarnock, and of 195 acres in Carrickhill.†

In 1700 Thomas Plunkett and Catherine his wife claimed an estate for life, and a jointure for said Catherine, in Portmarnock and Carrickhill, William Plunkett, the heir of the before mentioned Luke, having forfeited his interest therein in the civil war

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\* Inquis in Ch. Remb. Office.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

of 1689. Their claim was, however, postponed, they being petitioners before the commons, while George Plunkett and Johanna his wife, who had been the widow of said Luke Plunkett, claimed the benefit of her jointure off the lands, which was allowed.

About Portmarnock the botanist will find *viola tricolor*, pansy violet; *viola lutea*, yellow pansy; *chlora perfoliata*, perfoliate yellow wort; *cerastium arvense*, field mouse-ear chickweed; *spargula arvensis*, corn spurrey; *rosa spinosissima*, burnet rose; *papaver somniferum*, white poppy; *sisymbrium sophia*, fine-leaved hedge mustard; *geranium Pyrenaicum*, mountain crane's bill; *polygala vulgaris*, milkwort; *anthyllis vulneraria*, kidney vetch; *listera ovata*, common tway blade; *agrostema githago*, corn cockle; *sinapis alba*, white mustard, eaten as an ingredient in salads; *cœnanthe pimpinelloides*, parsley water dropwort.

On the sandy banks, fields, and shores, *phleum arenarium*, sea cat's tail grass; *festuca uniglumis*, single husked fescue grass; *arundo arenaria*, sea reed; *triticum junceum*, rushy wheat grass; *convolvulus soldanella*, sea bindweed; *campanula rotundifolia*, round-leaved bell flower; *erythrœa littoralis*, dwarf tufted centaury; *eryngium maritimum*, sea holly; *amni majus*, common bishop's weed; *Parnassia palustris*, grass of Parnassus, with its beautiful yellow-streaked flowers; *allium arenarium*, sand garlic; *spargula nodosa*, knotted spurrey; a variety of the *thymus serpyllum*, wild thyme, with woolly heads; *euphrasia officinalis*, eyebright, enlivening the autumnal scene with its brilliant little blossoms; *cakile mariti-*



*ma*, sea rocket; *picris hieracyoides*, hawk weed ox tongue, peculiar to these sands; *erodium cicutarium*, hemlock stork's bill; *euphorbia paralia*, sea spurge; *carex arenaria*, sea sedge; *equisetum variegatum*, variegated horse-tail, a very rare plant; *carex extensa*, long bracteated sedge; *salix argentea*, silky sand willow, whose leaves are so conspicuous for the silver brilliancy of their under surface, as to rival some of the most beautiful Cape shrubs in that particular; *apargia autumnalis*, autumnal hawkbit; *carlina vulgaris*, common carline thistle; *gramen sparteum spicatum*, sea mat weed, or marram, used for matting; *reseda luteola*, wild woad, highly prized by the ancient Irish for the yellow dye it afforded; this at Portmarnock has been cultivated for the purpose, and grew to the height of three feet and a half, staining as deep a yellow as that raised at Rouen, which was imported sometimes at £200 per cwt.; *schænus nigricans*, black bog-rush; *reseda alba*, wild mignonette; *thalictrum minus*, lesser meadow rue; Mr. Mackay has also discovered here the *clypeola jonthlaspi*, a curious little plant, a native of the Mediterranean shore; *sinapis nigra*, common mustard; *trifolium arvense*, hare's foot trefoil; *gnaphalium dioicum*, mountain cudweed; *epipactis latifolia*, broad-leaved helleborine; *crambe maritima*, sea kale; *viola hirta*, hairy violet, flowering in April and May; *viola Curtisii*, yellow sea pansy, flowering from May to September; *statice spathulata*, upright spiked sea lavender; *erythræa latifolia*, broad-leaved tufted centaury; *erythræa centaurium*, common centaury, both flowering in July;

*lycopodium salaginoides*, lesser Alpine club moss; *hypnum albicans*, *hypnum abietinum*, *hypnum rutabulum*.—In the dry pastures *aira cristata*, crested hair grass; *apargia hispida*, rough hawkbit; *crepis biennis*, rough hawk's beard; *ophrys apifera*, bee orchis; *apargia hirta*, deficient hawkbit; *linum catharticum*, purging flax.

In the muddy sea shore, *salicornea herbacea*, marsh samphire.—In the hedges, fields, and ditches, *medicago sativa*, lucerne; *orchis pyramidalis*, pyramidal orchis; *fedia olitoria*, lamb's lettuce.—In the marshy places, *orchis latifolia*, marsh palmate orchis; *rot. bolia incurvata*, sea hard grass; *chenopodium maritimum*, sea goose foot; *œnanthe peucedanifolia*, water dropwort; *carex distans*, loose carex; *anagallis tenella*, bog pimpernel, flowering in July and August; *epipactis palustris*, marsh helleborine, flowering in July.—At the bridge, *cochlearia officinalis*, common scurvy grass.—On limestone, *leccidea speira*, *urceolaria contorta*.—On tiles, *lecanora exigua*.—Near the old church, *rosa dumetorum*, thicket rose; *rosa arvensis*, white trailing dog rose; *rosa inodora*, slightly scented briar, flowering in June and July. While the *anagallis tenella*, bog pimpernel, with its purple flowers,

“ Marshals me the way that I was going.”

A dreary way it would have been, had its direct course been followed into Malahide; the route, however, is made far more interesting by turning off at right to Portmarnock strand by

## CARRICKHILL,

i. c. the hill of rocks, a denomination also the ancient inheritance of the Plunkett family.

Traversed as this locality was, on a lovely day in March, the sparrows, the boldest and most mischievous of feathered visitants, were chirping and plundering\* around, the swallows wantoned in the mid region of the air, and the larks, perhaps the only birds of this country that sing as they soar, were springing into the clear blue sky, or wafted in music on the passing breeze. A narrow, melancholy lane, hedged with elder, conducted to the not uninteresting ruins of the old church; the gables and side walls are almost perfect, as is the triply perforated belfry. The graveyard boasts of no aristocratic dust, but, within the shell of the chapel, under the boughs of the elders that entwine over them, are two monuments, one to Theresa Plunkett, who died in 1672, another stated to have been "erected" (but now "fallen from its high estate") by Mr. Oliver Barnewall of Dublin, "marchant," for himself and his wife Catherine, while at its foot is noted the death of the commemorator of the dead, said Oliver himself, in 1690. This chapel is about twenty yards in length by only four and an half in breadth.

Thence the pedestrian can proceed over a warren, where numerous daisies were at this time struggling

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\* A French writer on rural economy has calculated, that the grain consumed by sparrows in France, annually, is worth ten millions of francs.

through the sands. As an old poet quaintly writes—

“ Of all the flowers that grow in the mead,  
I love the best that flowret white and red,  
Which maidens call daisie, that adorn,  
Like eyes of day, the green, smooth, summer lawn ;  
Emblem of childish innocence, I see  
Again my youth and playmates all in thee,  
As merry lasses, dancing on the green,  
Tread down thy flower which erst shall not be seen,  
But trampled wither to the autumn’s sun,  
And wane away when their short race is run ;  
So my young life, by fleeting hours oppressed,  
And worn by those that it hath most caressed,  
Will close anon, when I no more shall be  
Noticed or thought upon, sweet flower, than thee.”

Presently valleys of dazzling sands appeared opening to the sea, and in some places exhibiting a scanty vegetation, but more usually the bare tracks of rabbits. Then such a lovely strand, so white, so firm, so curiously inlaid with every specimen of shells ; the silent, sunny, sandy cliffs at left ; the blue sea at right, foaming its white wreaths over the whole shore, and in the distance Howth, apparently insulated, and Ireland’s Eye, and further yet Lambay, enveloped in vapour. The black, rocky shore of Tobbermackean succeeded, its dangerous aspect being fatally illustrated by the masts of a sunken vessel, that pointed above the full tide at a short distance from its ledge, and over which the gulls were wildly screaming. At the head of these rocks appear the butments of a quay that once projected from this shore ; over it now stands another of the martello chimeras, from which a narrow terrace road leads to

## ROBERTSWALL CASTLE,

a square edifice erected on a rock that overhangs the sea, and having a farm-house attached to it.

According to tradition this castle was founded in the fifteenth century by one of the sept of de Bermingham.

By inquisition taken in the time of Henry the Eighth, the religious house of the Virgin Mary was found seised of ninety-three acres in "Roebuck's-wall, as also of a castle and six messuages there, annual value £3 13s. 4d.\* In lieu of which, on the surrender of that house, William Cottrell, "parson of the convent," had a pension of £3 6s. 8d. granted to him, chargeable on the tithes of "Roebuck's walls."

Soon after the dissolution the castle was granted, with its appurtenances, to Sir Patrick Barnewall in fee, which patent was subsequently confirmed by King Edward the Sixth, the premises being charged, as were the manors and lordships of Ballyboghill, Portmarnock, and the other possessions of Mary's Abbey, with a pension for the last abbot and his brethren. The tithes of Robert's-wall were granted to the same patentee, subject to a yearly rent of £1 10s. Irish, lately purchased by Mr. Christopher Mac Donnell, who has also acquired the fee of the soil. For a notice in 1602, see "Dalkey."

In 1685, Lord Kingsland passed patent for (*inter alia*) Robswall, one hundred and fifteen acres, with the tithes thereof.

Lead ore has been found in the rocks here, disposed in ramifications, and crystals resembling Kerry stones have likewise been collected here. It has also a large vein of black and some white marble, with representations of white shells mixed through it, after the manner of the Kilkenny marble.

With the wreck still in view, the fearful thought suggested itself, what a scene would this be in a night

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\* Inquis. in Ch. Rememb. Office.

of storms, the roaring, foamy tide of sea dashing against the rocky basement of the castle; the rain pouring a deluge over the cliffs,

“ Giving its sum of more  
To that which had too much ;”

the agitated moonbeams tossed on the heaving waters; the lightning bursting through the opening sky; and above all, the deep, dead tones of signals of distress.

The gloomy magnificence of the speculation was relieved by the presence of a more peaceful and refreshing object, a remarkable, bubbling, fresh spring of delicious water, within the immediate proximity of the sea; at a few paces beyond which is

#### MALAHIDE,

a well-built and pleasantly situated village on the brow of the sea, as its name implies, but, being without shelter and in an open country, it is much exposed to the influence of the winds. The air, however, is very pure. In the middle of the town is a well of clear and wholesome water, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and covered with an arched enclosure, within which her statue was formerly set. The chapel is very old and inadequate for its congregation. Two national schools have been established here, one for boys, the other for girls, which receive respectively £12 and £20 annually from the Board. The new church is a neat, small edifice, on a commanding height, without any mural slabs, nor has the grave-yard as yet received any distinguished occupants. Opposite the church is a Protestant school established in 1821.

Malahide has been a lordship or manor in the Talbot family for centuries, having courts leet or baron, and comprising the towns and lands of Feltrim, Hamonstown, Balvenstown, &c. The royalties extend a considerable distance along the sea-shore. The lords of the manor have also enjoyed the privilege of importing coals and other merchandize into its little harbour, duty free.

Near the town is the castle, or, as it is usually termed, the court, the residence of the noble inheritor, Lord Talbot de Malahide. This building is large, irregular, and unequal in its height, nearly square in its outer form, and richly invested with ivy, erected in an elevated situation on a limestone rock : it commands a fine view of the town and bay of Malahide. The hall is spacious, and presents all the features of antiquity. Indeed, the foundation of this structure is commonly referred to the reign of Henry the Second, but it received considerable repairs and additions in that of Edward the Fourth. A fine porch has been constructed to the principal entrance, under the direction of the present proprietor, and the building considerably improved thereby, in regard both to external ornament and internal convenience. There are ten rooms on a floor. The lower story, consisting of servants' offices, &c. is vaulted, and entered by a gothic doorway, while the rooms above are approached by spiral stone stairs, leading into a striking antique apartment, lighted by a pointed window of stained glass. The wainscoting of this room is of Irish oak, that has now acquired the sombre tint of ebony, and is divided into compartments, ornamented

with sculpture from Scriptural history. Adjoining this room is the saloon, a spacious, handsome apartment, containing some good paintings, particularly a valuable little picture, once an altar piece, belonging to Mary Queen of Scots, which represents the nativity, adoration, and circumcision, and was painted by Albert Durer ; a portrait of the Dutchess of Portsmouth, mistress of Charles II., fondling a contented dove ; another of her son, the first Duke of Richmond ; (these two latter pictures were presents from the Dutchess to Mrs. Wogan of Rathcoffy, from whom they were inherited by Colonel Talbot;) one of King Charles I. dancing with the Infanta of Spain at the Escorial, &c. The original moat of the castle has been softened off into an ornamental slope, planted with Italian cypresses and other evergreens, but the battlements still remain terminated at the angles by circular towers, and present an imposing front. The demesne and gardens are disposed with much correctness of taste, and the former is beautified with groups of plantations, amongst which are some splendid old oaks, elms, ashes, horse-chesnuts, and sycamores, that seem the representatives of a forest nobility, almost as ancient as that of the family by whom they were planted.

Beside the castle, are the venerable remains of its ancient chapel, the entrance to which is guarded by two magnificent sycamores. The form which this edifice presents, is that of a nave and chancel or choir, divided from each other by a spacious gothic arch, about the centre of the building ; the aisle is sixteen yards by seven, the chancel eleven by six yards and a half ; what remains of the east window is



composed of mullions and other divisions of tracery of the perpendicular style in architecture, finely interwreathed with ivy. Adjoining the chancel is a pointed arch door, leading to some apartments which were either occupied as a vestry, or for the residence of the monks of the abbey. The western end supports the belfry, and is thickly covered over with ivy. The external parts of the building are not altogether without ornament. The canopies or drip-stones of the arches are well cut, and, in consequence of the hardness of the black stone or calp with which this church was constructed, they preserve to the present day an uncommon sharpness in the mouldings. Beneath the belfry there is another handsome gothic window, divided into two lights, with crocketed ogee canopies, though greatly mutilated. The walls had originally embattled parapets. The interior is strikingly shaded with venerable chesnut trees, that in their season of foliage cast a still more sombre interest over the monuments they shadow. Of the latter, the most worthy of notice is an altar-tomb surmounted with the effigy, in bold relief, of a female habited in the costume of the fifteenth century, and representing the Honourable Maud Plunkett, wife of Sir Richard Talbot. She had been previously married to Mr. Hussey, son to the Baron of Galtrim, who was slain on the day of her nuptials, leaving her the singular celebrity of having been a "maid, wife, and widow on the same day." There are other monuments of the Talbot family, and some more modern of the Henleys and Stapletons, scattered through the enclosure.—Near

this, in a garden, is a square tower of the ancient out-works of the castle.

The parish bears the name of the village. It was formerly a chapelry dependant on the church of Swords, but now ranks as a curacy in its deanery. From a very remote period it was held with those of Killeigh and Killossory, and the vicarage of Swords, and so episcopally united in 1810. That union has, however, been since dissolved, and this parish (the rectory being inappropriate in the economy of St. Patrick's) is now conferred as a curacy separately, the patronage being in the dean and chapter of St. Patrick's. The tithes have been compounded for at £110 per annum. In the Catholic dispensation it continues to be in the union of Swords. According to the census of 1831, it contains 217 inhabited houses, 237 families, and a total population of 1255 souls, in which estimate the Catholics bear a proportion of four to one. It comprises 1533A. OR. 3P., principally laid out in tillage. The soil rests upon mountain limestone, and the quarries, which are of black, grey, and yellow hues, afford numerous organic remains. On the south side of the high lands, contiguous to the sea, lead ore has been discovered. Lord Talbot de Malahide is the resident proprietor of the fee; the rent of land varies from £5 to £6 per acre, and a cabin without land lets for £2 10s. per annum. The number of labourers in the parish is supposed to be about ninety, of whom some have constant employment, and the rest occasional. The former class receive about 15*d.* per day, wages.

The cotton manufactory, hereafter alluded to, as having been established in the town, is metamorphosed into one for silk, which gives daily employment to but eight individuals. The fishery has also so much declined, that there are but three wherries here now fit to put to sea. The depth of water in the harbour varies from four and a half to five fathoms at high water, but it has neither pier nor quay, nor indeed do they appear much wanted, as the vessels beach easily on the sandy shore, and may ride afloat in the channel in perfect safety, if their draught does not exceed ten feet. The oyster bed, however, maintains its ancient celebrity. It is of about two acres extent, but requires to be renewed. The oysters are green finned. Malahide likewise affords excellent cockles, and the strand (a large tract of which could be easily recovered from the sea) is covered with an abundance of curious shells. There is also a considerable salt-work here.

In 1174 Richard de Talbot, having accompanied Henry the Second to Ireland, obtained a grant of Malahide, part of which, Malahide beg, he soon afterwards leased to the monks of Mary's Abbey, and his son Reginald confirmed the demise.

In 1190 Malahide is mentioned as a chapelry dependant on Swords. See "Coolock."

In 1286 Richard de Talbot, grandson of the aforesaid Richard, having succeeded to this manor on the death of his father Adam, granted to King Edward all lordships, escheats, reliefs, marriages, &c. happening therein, and settled the said manor thereby on his son Milo de Talbot. In 1300 the said Richard contributed twenty shillings as his subsidy for Malahide towards the expenses of the Scottish war. Soon after which occur records of stubborn lawsuits between his grandson and another Richard Talbot, of Feltrim and Castletown-Dalkey, for the *manor* of Malahide, in which

the former was, after a due course of litigation, ruinously successful. This Richard of Malahide was, in 1315, Sheriff of Dublin, he subsequently signalized himself in the wars against Edward Bruce, but was, with other noblemen and gentlemen, treacherously murdered at Ballybragan, in the County of Louth, in 1329. At the time of this event, Thomas, the son and heir of said Richard, was a minor, and accordingly the king in that year made a grant of the wardship of his estates during the minority, at a certain nominal rent to one of the minions of the day.\*

In 1373 Thomas Talbot of Malahide was summoned to attend a great council held in Dublin, as also to a parliament in the same year; and in two years afterwards, the surveyors of the harbour of Malahide were instructed to oppose the unlicensed exportation of corn thence, and also to prevent any of the retinue of the chief governor, William de Windsor, from absenting themselves from Ireland in that direction, under the penalty of forfeiting their horses, arms, and baggage, and proclamation to that effect was directed to be made within this lordship.

In 1408, the king, being seised as before in right of a minority, granted two-thirds of the *manor* of Malahide to Sir Thomas Fleming, the other third being in the hands of the doweress;† and in 1433 a grant of the same nature was made under similar circumstances.—Such was the political injustice, by which, in those days, the royal exchequer was fed by the spoliation of the orphan and the ward!

In 1475 the editor of Camden will have it that Malahide was erected into a manor and free warren, and that, therefore, the bust of Edward IV. was reverentially placed over the castle gate. The manor was, however, of far higher antiquity; but there was a grant, in this year, by that monarch to Thomas Talbot, by which, in addition to his former privileges of receiving customs, holding courts leet and baron, &c., said Thomas was appointed high admiral of the seas, with full power and authority to hear and determine, in a court of admiralty, all trespasses, &c., by the tenants or vassals, or other residents, within the town of Malahide.

In 1488 Sir Richard Edgecombe, when he came to take oaths of allegiance from those who had espoused the cause of Simnel in

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

Ireland, landed at Malahide, "and there a gentlewoman called Talbot received him and made him right good cheer; and the same day, at afternoon, the Bishop of Meath and others came to Malahide aforesaid, well accompanied, and fetched the said Sir Richard to Dublin, and, at his coming thither, the mayor and substance of the city received him at the Black Friars' Gate, at which Black Friars (the site of the present Four Courts) the said Sir Richard was lodged."\* In a few days afterwards, Sir Peter Talbot, Lord of Malahide, made both his homage and fealty to him at St. Mary's Abbey.

For a notice of the rights of the vicar of Swords in Malahide, see "Swords" at the year 1489. In 1524 Sir Peter Talbot was fined for suffering merchant vessels to break bulk at Malahide, contrary to the king's privileges granted to the city of Dublin. By his will of the year 1529, he directed that he should be buried in the church of Malahide, beside Dame Janet Eustace, and left considerable bequests for the repair and maintenance of its chancel.

In 1530 Malahide is enumerated in the *Repertorium Viride* of the unfortunate Allen, Archbishop of Dublin, as still one of the exterior chapels dependant on Swords.

At the hosting of 1532, Thomas Talbot was summoned to render scutage and do military service for the manors of Malahide and Garristown.

An inquisition was taken in 1547 concerning the tithes of Malahide; which finds that they issue from the lands called "the Courte de Malahyd" and Balregan, and are worth, together with the tithe of fish and altarages, £11 6s. 8d. per annum, besides half the oblations at funerals which belong to the Vicar of Swords; the stipend of the curate and repairing of the chancel being defrayed by the farmer of the tithes. In 1559 the tithes of Malahide, "as well predial as all personal offerings," were demised to William Talbot of Malahide for fifty-nine years.

This locality is subsequently classed by Holinshed amongst the chief haven-towns of Ireland. In 1639, Lord Strafford sought to wrest from Richard Talbot, the then inheritor of Malahide, the

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\* Harris's *Hibernica*, part 1, p. 31.

admiralty of its port and other his valuable franchises, but, on his pleading the ancient charters under which his family had so long inherited, the court gave judgment against the crown, and Strafford's designs were on this occasion defeated.

In 1649, John Talbot, the son and heir of said Richard, having, in the wars of 1641, embraced that side, to which misguided loyalty and ill-requited enthusiasm had hurried the gallant and respectable gentry of Ireland, shared with them the ruinous consequences of one national attainder. He was outlawed, and his castle of Malahide, with five hundred acres of land, was, about this year, granted to Miles Corbet, the regicide, soon after which, it is believed that Oliver Cromwell took up his abode for a short time here. Corbet held it for about seven years, and, according to tradition, it was during his occupation that the chapel was unroofed, for the profane purpose of covering a barn with the materials. "From this port, Corbet, when outlawed at the period of the Restoration, took shipping for the Continent, and subsequently expiated his 'errors,' as Mr. Brewer mildly terms them, by a degrading death. Shortly after his flight from Malahide the Talbot family regained possession of the estate."—Corbet, it may be remarked, was a gentleman of an ancient family in the county of Norfolk. He had studied the law at Lincoln's Inn, and for the space of thirty-seven years had been chosen a member of the successive parliaments. Being appointed one of the High Court of Justice for King Charles's trial, he appeared not among the judges until the day that sentence was pronounced, when he came early in the morning and signed the warrant for his death, his signature being the last on the roll. He was afterwards Lord Chief Baron in Ireland, and is characterized as in other respects "a man of a very tender conscience, and of an holy life and conversation, and that as well in his greatest prosperity as in his adversity." In 1653, and again in 1659, Corbet was one of the five commissioners appointed for the government of Ireland, he being particularly directed on the latter occasion, after three months, to come into England to give the parliament an account of the affairs of that country. In this office he manifested such integrity towards his employers, that in the anxiety to husband the treasure of the Commonwealth, he impaired his own estate. On the abdication

of Richard Cromwell, when Lord Montgomery and his royalist associates possessed themselves of the Castle of Dublin, and made Colonel Jones their prisoner, their next measure was to seize Corbet as he was returning from a conventicle, and to declare for a free parliament. About the year 1661 he was executed as a regicide at Tyburn, being drawn thither on a sledge from the Tower; his quarters were placed over the city gates, and his head upon London bridge. He has been described as then an aged, black, swarthy, melancholy-looking man.

In 1660, "the lands of Malahide being for the most part waste and yielding no profit," its tithes, which were from a very early period appropriated to the economy of St. Patrick's cathedral, were demised to Ralph Wallis, Esq., for twenty-one years at the yearly rent of £12.

In 1665, by the Act of Explanation, John Talbot of Malahide was restored to all his lands and estates in this county, as he had held the same in 1641, but subject to quit rents.

In 1681, the Archbishop of Dublin having nominated a commission of inquiry to determine the real value of the tithes of Malahide, Killossery, and Killeigh, which reported them worth £135, assigned one-third (£45) to the curate of Swords, *tanquam salarium secundum jura et statuta hujus regni Hiberniæ pro fungendo isto officio curati*, and the remaining two-thirds he appointed should be payable to the Economy of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

In 1697, Mr. Thomas Smyth was returned as Parish Priest of Malahide, and resident at Mr. Talbot's.

In 1782, Richard Talbot, of Malahide, was one of the gentlemen who undertook to raise a regiment of fencibles for the defence of his country. Each regiment on this occasion was to consist of eight companies, to be raised by the officers in numbers, according to their rank, without levy money, while government was to provide accoutrements, arms, and pay.

In 1783, a cotton manufacture having been established here by the same spirited individual, and a large mill erected where cotton was spun by the action of water, the Irish Parliament voted £2000 towards completing its machinery.

In 1788, by a statute, reciting that the country adjacent to the town of Malahide, and also a considerable part of the county of

Meath, was supplied with coals, culm, slates, timber, and various other things, from the harbour of the said town of Malahide, which were conveyed thence by land carriage, at a very considerable expense, to the great discouragement of persons concerned in manufactures, and that Richard Talbot of Malahide proposed to make a navigable canal from Malahide through Swords, to the river of Fieldstown, at his own proper charges, said Richard was empowered to purchase the land in the line of said canal, to open rivers, make weirs, &c. as the company of the Grand Canal had been previously enabled to do, and with the right of similar duties and tolls. In this last year, however, Malahide sustained a deep loss in the death of this its proprietor, of whom it is but justice to remark, in strict reference to the locality, that, when he succeeded to the estate of his uncle there, he found it covered by a number of idle and disorderly peasants and fishermen, without employment for themselves or their destitute families; upon which he immediately applied himself to incite their industry, usefully directed its objects, and expended a large sum of his own money in building and furnishing the cotton works, and especially in the construction of a very ingenious water-mill. The auspicious expectations, which those projects induced, were, however, too soon disappointed, and the consequent failure of the cotton trade here, as also, at Balbriggan and Prosperous, led to the most deplorable consequences. Parliament had liberally contributed to the expenses of the projectors and proprietors of those works at their outset, but refusing a second grant, these persons became insolvent, and crowds of artisans being suddenly dismissed from their employment, the various families, who, "a little month" previously, had exhibited a picture of regular and thriving industry, were devoted to penury and idleness.

In 1814, the Board of First Fruits granted £800 in aid of building the church here.

On the borders of the village is Seapark Court, finely situated, with a sloping and ornamental lawn in front. It is a square building, of ample proportions, having a flat roof concealed by a parapet that sur-



rounds the whole structure, and was erected by Nicholas Morres, Esq. second son of Sir John Morres, of Knockagh Castle, in the county Tipperary, who obtained this portion of the manor on his marriage with Susanna, eldest daughter of Richard Talbot of Malahide Castle. It has, however, much declined from its former appearance and the descriptions of more enthusiastic tourists. It may be mentioned, that the above Nicholas was buried in the church of Malahide, that one of his sons, Nicholas Morres, entered into the service of France in Bulkeley's regiment, in 1733, of which he became Lieutenant Colonel in 1756, and died in 1796 at the Chateau d'Amboise, without issue.

When the tourist has concluded his observation of this interesting locality, let him return to the venerable remains of its chapel. His eye will repose with reverence on the ivy tendrils that flower over its walls; he will admire the singular complication of their branches, the vivid hue of their leaves, the varying sunshine scattered over them; and, above all, the unworldly tenacity with which they cling to ruin; and, haply while he sits upon a monument, and not a sound disturbs the solemn gloom, except when some scared bird flits from the matted ivy, or a breeze murmurs drowsily over the floor, and shakes the withered leaves upon its surface, he too will recal the proud deeds of those, with whom this locality has been from time immemorial identified.

## THE FAMILY OF TALBOT.

The illustrious achievements of this family are traced in the history of every civilized nation, and every where attach to them the reverence justly conceded to a long line of ancestry, unsullied by the crimes that too frequently stain the annals of contemporaneous houses. Even in the political vicissitudes of these countries the Talbots have survived, both in England and Ireland, in baronial rank, for upwards of seven centuries, and neither treasons nor attainders have ever clouded their splendour.

Like most of the nobility of the British empire, they look to Normandy for their origin, and claim, as their remote ancestors, the Talbots, Barons of Cleuville, in the country of Caux. In 1066, Hugh and Richard "Talebot" are enumerated amongst the Norman knights attached to William the Conqueror, and so especially noticed both in Bromton's list and in the ancient Chronicle of Normandy. The former appears to be the Ivo Tailbois, whom the Conqueror enriched with the estate of Spalding and the adjoining country, while about the year 1070 Richard Talbot is mentioned in Domesday Book as holding nine hides of land of Earl Walter Gifford, and Hereford Castle and other possessions in Herefordshire, *in capite*, of the Conqueror. He had two sons, Geoffrey and Hugh; the former held twenty knights' fees in Herefordshire in the time of Henry the First, and was a steady supporter of the pretensions of the Empress Maud; and from his son William, who held Hereford Castle in the time of King Stephen, descended the Talbots of Bashall and Thornhill, in Yorkshire. Hugh, the second son of Richard, was Governor of the Castle of Plessy, in Normandy, in 1118, and married the daughter of William de Mandeville, on whose decease he became a monk in the celebrated monastery of Beaubec, in Normandy. He also left a son Richard and other issue.

In the year 1165, Richard, the son of the before-mentioned Hugh, had a grant of the Lordship of Eccleswell and Linton, in Herefordshire; and, having long previously married the daughter of William de Montgomery, had issue by her, three sons; Gilbert, his heir, Lord of Eccleswell, and ancestor to the Earls of

Shrewsbury, and Richard and Robert Talbot, who, according to Sir William Betham's pedigree of the family, accompanied King Henry into Ireland, where Richard obtained the Lordship of Malahide as a fief of the crown as above mentioned, and in connexion with which his descendants are traced in the foregoing pages.

About the year 1240, Gilbert Talbot, the descendant of Richard mentioned at 1165, having married Gundeline, daughter of Rhys ap Griffith, Prince of Wales, changed his ancient armorials for those of that prince.

In 1259, the noble monastery of the Holy Trinity was founded for monks of the order of Eremites of St. Augustine, on the south side of the Liffey, (where within this century stood the theatre in Crow-street,) by the Talbots of Templeogue; and in 1262, Richard Talbot was Archbishop of Dublin. See the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

In 1300, Richard Talbot, the son of Gilbert, mentioned at 1240, and Lord of Eccleswell, joined in the celebrated letter addressed to the Pope from Lincoln, on behalf of the Commons of England, and in assertion of the King's right to the supreme dominion of the realm of Scotland.

In 1311, John Talbot was summoned to attend the parliament of Kilkenny; and in 1315, Richard Talbot, the lineal descendant in the fourth degree of the before-mentioned Richard of Malahide, distinguished himself under the celebrated Lord John de Bermingham, afterwards Earl of Louth, in the service against Edward Bruce, brother of Robert Bruce, King of Scotland, who had invaded Ireland, and overran and devastated the whole country, until he was eventually slain, and his head sent to King Edward the Second, in 1318. This Richard was afterwards, in 1329, treacherously slain, with 200 noblemen and gentlemen, by the gentry of the county Louth.

In 1322, Sir Gilbert Talbot, Banneret, of the county of Hertford, and Sir Richard Talbot, junior, having adhered to the Earl of Lancaster and the barons, attacked and burned the town of Bridgenorth, whereupon the sheriffs throughout England were commanded to raise the *posse comitatus* to take them. They were, however, more gloriously captured in arms at the battle of Boroughbridge; but Gilbert was released on payment of the enor-

mous fine of £2000, and an engagement to deliver annually to the king one ton of wine, price forty shillings. In the same year another Sir Richard Talbot was summoned from Worcestershire to do service against the Scots; and soon afterwards another Sir Gilbert was constituted Justice of South Wales, with a grant of lands in that district.

In 1326, Richard Talbot was intrusted with the defence and custody of Newcastle Mac Kinnegan, with a salary of £20 per annum.

In 1334, Richard Talbot, ancestor of Lord Furnival, was one of the English lords who joined Baliol, invaded Scotland by sea, and routed the Scottish army at Gleddesmore. On Baliol's establishment, he was restored to lands in Scotland, which he claimed in right of his wife, the heiress of John Comin, Lord of Badenoch; while, by Edward the Third, he was, in 1338, made Governor of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and Justice there as well as within all the king's lands in Scotland. In 1347 he was with Edward the Third at the siege of Calais, where he had under his command one baronet, fourteen knights, ninety-two esquires, and eighty-two archers.

In 1352, Sir Thomas Talbot, of Malahide, had a grant from the crown of exemption from serving on juries, or at assizes, or executing the offices of sheriff, escheator, or other minister against his will; and was one of the knights summoned to the Irish parliaments of 1373 and 1375; about which latter time Thomas Talbot was Constable of the Castle of Arklow, in the heart of "the Irish enemy;" and in 1377 Reginald was ordered to aid in defending the marches of the Pale in Ireland, with his available men at arms. He was afterwards Sheriff of the county Dublin. Branches of the family were at the same time established in the counties of Carlow, Kilkenny, Louth, Wexford, and at Moyrath, in the county Meath.

In 1373, Thomas Talbot, of the Bashall line, commanded the castle and town of Berwick; in 1389 was Constable of the Castle of Guisnes, in Picardy; and in 1406 was sent on service into Ireland. In 1379, Richard Talbot of Malahide was at the parliament, or rather council, convened to Baltinglas, for the purpose of treating on terms of peace with the O'Byrnes, O'Tooles, O'No-

lans, and Mac Morroughs. He was afterwards sheriff of the county Dublin.

In 1395, Richard, the son of Gilbert Talbot, by Petronilla, the sister of the Earl of Ormond, acquired the Lordship of Wexford, with various liberties thereunto annexed. It was he who, seeing how open and defenceless Kilkenny was on every side, and willing to testify his respect for his uncle, who had then recently become its proprietor, as well as to attach the townsmen to the family, surrounded that city with a strong wall. He had afterwards a grant from the crown of the temporalities of the see of Ferns, during its vacancy, rent free.

In 1414, when the realm seemed to sink under the complicated oppression of war and faction, Sir John Talbot, Lord Furnival, a man distinguished by military abilities, was appointed to the government of Ireland for the term of six years, with the extraordinary power of appointing his own deputy when and as often as he pleased. The most intrepid of the enemies of English government yielded to the influence of a character, which subsequent events so strongly developed, and various indentures between him and the Irish leaders, O'Connor, O'Brien, &c., yet extant in the rolls of chancery, so strongly testify the fears which his presence had then excited, as might almost justify the application of that sentiment in this country, which Shakspeare attributes to the sorrowing mothers of France. Unattended, however, as he was by any army, and obliged to rely upon the forces and supplies raised in Ireland, he pleaded necessity for recurring to the oppressive and arbitrary impositions used by his predecessors. The English Pale, it is true, was not enlarged by his exertions, but for the time it was defended, and so considerable was such service deemed, that the lords and commons in 1417 transmitted to the king the speaking testimony as to the Irish mode of government, detailed in the General History of this County. On being recalled from the government of Ireland, he passed into France with the English army, did signal service at the siege of Caen, but was not at Agincourt, where, however, several of his name and kindred distinguished themselves. In 1420 he entered Paris with King Henry the Fifth in triumph, and on the accession of Henry the Sixth, enjoyed the special favour of the Duke of Bedford, regent of France.

In 1428 he had the command of the whole English army then in France, but in the following year was defeated at Patay by the Maid of Orleans, and himself taken prisoner, although he

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"above human thought  
Enacted wonders with his sword and lance."

nor was he released until 1433, a circumstance which evinces that he had no participation in the least justifiable act of the regent's administration, the putting to death a young, beautiful, and patriotic female, on charges the most vague and unfounded. On being released he reconquered the fort of Jouy, demolished the castle of Beaumont, took and regarrisoned those of Creil and Pont de St. Maixence. In 1438 he took those of Longueville, Guillemcourt, &c. In 1441 he was appointed a marshal of France; in the following year was created Earl of Shrewsbury and Wexford, in which right he appointed his seneschal for the liberty of Wexford; in 1443 was one of the ambassadors to negotiate the peace with Charles the Seventh; and in 1446 was created Earl of Waterford and Baron of Dungarvan, with all castles, lordships, baronies, knight's fees, advowsons of churches, wrecks of the sea from Youghal to Waterford, &c., to hold to him and his heirs male by homage, fealty, and the service of being seneschal of the king and his heirs in his land of Ireland. In the same year he was again lord lieutenant of Ireland, and held a parliament at Trim.

In 1452 he appeared before Bourdeaux, was admitted by the citizens, and on the 17th of July following, at their earnest solicitation, attacked the French army then lying before Castillon, on the river Dordon. At first he was successful, but his horse being killed, and himself immediately after, his force was beaten, and, though the loss was not very great in the action, yet in its consequences it induced the total severance of Guienne from the British dominions. The body of this, the English Achilles, was brought back to his native country and interred in the abbey of Whitchurch. His son John, Viscount Lisle, was also slain with him in this engagement. Camden says, the sword of the father was found in his time in the river Dordon, with the unclassical inscription—

"Sum Talboti, M IIII C XLIII,  
Pro vincere inimicos meos."

"How would it have joyed brave Talbot," exclaims Nash, "the terror of the French, to think that, after he had been two hundred years in his tomb, he should triumph again on the stage, and have his bones new embalmed with the tears of ten thousand spectators at least, who in the tragedian that represents his person imagine they behold him fresh bleeding."

Another Talbot, Sir Gilbert of Irchenfield and Blackmere in Shropshire, was in 1418 made governor-general of the marches in Normandy, and was joined in commission with Sir Gilbert Umfreville, to reduce all the forts and castles in that country to obedience. According to the Chronicle of Kirkstall he died during the siege of Rouen.

In 1443 Richard Talbot, brother of Lord Furnival, was Archbishop of Dublin, and in the same year, on the death of Archbishop Prene, was elected Primate of Armagh by its dean and chapter, but declined the proffered dignity. See of him in the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin." His nephew, Sir John Talbot, the son of Lord Furnival, was in 1447 appointed Lord Chancellor of Ireland, with power to appoint a deputy, which he exercised in 1452 in favour of Sir Thomas Talbot, prior of Kilmainham. His elder brother, the second Earl of Shrewsbury, was no less involved than his father had been in the turmoil of war. He had accompanied that father both in France and Ireland, and when he was slain at Castillon, the second Earl was appointed by parliament one of the guardians of the sea. In 1456 he was made Lord Treasurer of England, and in 1460, having adhered to the House of Lancaster, was slain at the battle of Northampton, as was also his third son, Sir Christopher Talbot.

John, the third Earl of Shrewsbury, was at the second battle of St. Albans, and was knighted by Prince Edward. To his younger brother, Gilbert Talbot, Henry the Seventh, in the commencement of his reign, granted the fine seat of Grafton, in Worcestershire, which had been forfeited by Sir Humphrey Stafford, an attainted Yorkist. The king, in further testimony and reward of his bravery and prudence, made him a Knight of the Garter, and Governor of Droitwich, in France. It appears that this Gilbert manifested his attachment for Henry by joining him at New-  
port, when on his way from Shrewsbury to Bosworth, "with the

whole power," says Hall, who erroneously calls him George, "of the young Earl of Shrewsbury, then being in ward, which were accounted to the number of 2000 men." According to Holinshed, he commanded on that day the right wing of the victorious army. In the same year he was sheriff of Shropshire. His nephew George, fourth Earl of Shrewsbury, appeared in person at the battle of Stoke; and in 1490 had a command in the detachment that was sent in aid of Maximilian the Emperor, against Charles King of France. In 1513 he commanded the van of the English army at the siege of Therouenne; in 1520 was present at the memorable interview between the kings of England and France, on the "field of the cloth of gold;" and in 1523, being then Lieutenant General of the North, he made some inroads into Scotland.

In 1537, by the Irish Act of Absentees, which recited the ruinous consequences occasioned by the absence of persons having lands in Ireland, and that previous statutes had imposed the forfeiture of two-thirds of the income of such absentees, and that the other third should be forfeited for mesne rates, George Talbot, Earl of Waterford and Salop, was declared one of that class, and his Irish estates were accordingly thereby vested in the crown, with savings, however, for the boroughs of Ross, Wexford, &c.

In 1538, Peter Talbot had a grant in fee from the crown, of the manors and castles of Powerscourt, Fassaroe, and Rathdown, which, however, in 1540, he was induced, or rather compelled, by the authority of the crown to surrender. About this time flourished Robert Talbot, of the Grafton line, one of the earliest English antiquaries, and whose collections proved greatly serviceable to Leland, Bale, Caius, Camden, and others. His manuscripts are now in the library of Bennet's College, Cambridge.

In 1553, Francis, Earl of Shrewsbury, was appointed Lord President of the Council in the North, and in 1557, Captain General there. George, the sixth Earl, was one of the most upright as well as able statesmen of his age; he was of the Council of Queen Mary, and exhibited an instance remarkable in those days of jealousy and distrust, of equal favour from her successor, who chose him to fill the same station, and afterwards appointed him to the dangerous office of holding Mary Queen of Scotland in custody



at Chatsworth, which trust he fulfilled for seventeen years. There, too, he entertained the Earl of Leicester, for which he received an autograph letter from the queen, in 1577. Though he may thus be said to have guided three females, nay three queens, he was unequal to the government of his own wife; and he, to whom the proud daughters and the niece of Henry the Eighth submitted their judgment, was subject to the intolerable caprice of an ambitious and self-willed woman, who, not content with having induced him to settle vast property on the children of her third husband, the Cavendishes, to the prejudice of his own, intermeddled with state affairs, and boldly released him from his superintendence of the captive princess by a suggestion of jealousy, which might have cost the earl his head. Several of his letters, relative to the Scottish queen, are to be found in Lodge's Illustrations of English History.

The youngest daughter of Gilbert, seventh Earl of Shrewsbury, was, at the request of Queen Elizabeth, her godmother, named Alethea, "out of her Majesty's true consideration and judgment of that worthy family, which was ever *true* to the state." In 1580 flourished Thomas Talbot, an eminent antiquary, and son of John Talbot, of Salebury, in Lancashire.

In 1613 William Talbot was one of the most strenuous of the agents despatched to his Majesty by the Irish Recusants, for which he was afterwards committed to the Tower of London, where he suffered a long imprisonment, and, before he was permitted to return to Ireland, was mulcted by the Star Chamber of England in the enormous fine of £10,000.

In 1617 died Edward Talbot, eighth Earl of Shrewsbury, to whose memory a splendid monument is erected in St. Edmund's chapel, Westminster Abbey. On his decease, the first line of the Earls of Shrewsbury having become extinct, John Talbot of Longford, near Newport, the fifth in degree from Sir Gilbert Talbot, mentioned as having commanded at Bosworth-field, succeeded to the title, which he transmitted to the present earl.

In 1630 Francis Talbot passed patents for upwards of 25,000 acres in the county of Wexford, and became the founder of the families of Castle Talbot and Talbot Hall. The name was also established in the counties of Monaghan, Cavan, and Wicklow.

In 1638 Gilbert Talbot, of the Worcestershire line, was, by his Majesty sent envoy to the republic of Venice. He was afterwards a sufferer in the civil wars, but subsequently obtained the honour of knighthood, became master of the jewel house, and was one of the first twenty-one appointed of the council of the Royal Society on its first institution.

In December, 1641, John Talbot, of Robertstown, was one of the gentlemen of the Pale who assembled at Swords, on the requisition of Luke Netterville; relying, however, on the king's proclamation of pardon to all who would come in and submit, he and many others of the principal gentry of the Pale immediately accepted the royal invitation, but the puritan Justices, seeing that this submission, if allowed to become too general, would defeat their expectation of forfeitures, resolved to put an effectual termination to it, and accordingly indicted Mr. Talbot and the others as traitors, for having conversed with some rebels, even when the rebels were masters of the country, and they wrote to Ormonde that very many of the best rank were endeavouring to make submissions, but that the state had been too indulgent to the Irish in former ages since the conquest; that, if the governors of Ireland had been careful to improve the frequent opportunities offered to them by rebellions, they would have prevented all future attempts; that rebels should not be allowed to wipe out their crimes by submissions, and that, therefore, they hoped his Majesty would make such settlement throughout the whole kingdom as King James had done in Ulster.\* Mr. Talbot, therefore, and all those who had so submitted, were thrown into prison, and some of them put to the rack to extort such confessions as might enable them, says Carte, "to impeach all the Catholic gentlemen in the kingdom, and particularly those of the Pale, whose lands were best improved, with being concerned in the rebellion."

In 1642 Henry Talbot, member of parliament for the borough of Newcastle in Ireland, was expelled from the house on account of his royalist principles; at which time, Garrett Talbot, brother of Sir Robert Talbot, was campaigning under Lord Cas-

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\* Carte's Life of Ormond, vol. i. p. 292.

tlehaven in Munster, while in England, in 1644, Mr. Edward Talbot, brother of the Earl of Shrewsbury, was slain at Marston Moor, fighting for Charles the First, and in 1645, Sir Gilbert Talbot, after an ineffectual defence of Tiverton, of which he was governor, was, with the garrison, taken prisoner by General Fairfax.

In 1646, Sir Robert Talbot was one of the commissioners for the Irish on the occasion of the Articles of Peace between them and the Marquis of Ormond. His signature, and those of James Talbot of Templeogue, and Colonel Gilbert Talbot, appear to the celebrated "Protestation and Remonstrance of the Roman Catholic Nobility and Gentry of Ireland," alluded to in the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin." In 1664, a petition, numerously signed by the noblemen and gentry of Ireland, for the remuneration of the above Sir Robert Talbot, was presented to the crown, and it would appear that the Lord Lieutenant was thereupon ordered to authorize the assessment thereof.

In the time of the Commonwealth, Sherington Talbot of Worcestershire, a zealous royalist, was obliged to compound for his estate with the Parliament Committee for the sum of £2,011, while, in testimony of the acknowledged attachment of this family to the Stuart cause, Charles, the twelfth Earl of Shrewsbury, who was born in 1660, had the distinguished honour of being the first subject to whom Charles the Second was sponsor, after his restoration.

In 1665, Sir Henry Talbot had a grant of lands in Connaught, in exchange for certain estates of his adjoining to the castle of Dublin, and convenient for his Majesty's service.—Of Doctor Peter Talbot, see the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

In May, 1672, his brother Colonel Richard Talbot, was captured with several others by the Dutch in their attack on the English fleet in Solebay. In 1686, he was elevated to the titles and honours of Lord Baron of Talbotstown, Viscount of Baltinglas, and Earl of Tyrconnel, to hold to him and his heirs male, with remainders over to his nephews, Sir William Talbot of Cartown, and William Talbot of Haggardstown, in tail male, and in four years afterwards was created Marquis and Duke of Tyrconnel. His history is that of the reign in which he flourished. He was married to the

beautiful Miss Jennings, sister to the Duchess of Marlborough, who, on her lord's decease, obtained permission to erect a nunnery for poor Clares, in King-street, Dublin, where in obscure retirement she closed her days at the advanced age of ninety-two, and was buried in St. Patrick's cathedral. The convent, though no longer used as such, is still standing. In the civil wars of 1688, this nobleman forfeited considerable estates in Ireland, as did also Sir William Talbot in the city of Limerick, George Talbot in the county Roscommon, James Talbot in the said county of Roscommon, and in the county and city of Dublin.

In 1689, Colonel Talbot was one of those taken prisoner at the siege of Derry, as was Brigadier Marks Talbot at the battle of Aughrim, both fighting for the cause of James the Second.

Charles Talbot, the twelfth Earl of Shrewsbury, before alluded to, was lord chamberlain of the household to King James the Second, he subsequently, however, resigned the command of a regiment in his service, mortgaged his estate, and espoused the politics and succession of the Prince of Orange. For which, and many good offices performed, he was made principal secretary of state and knight of the garter; he was also appointed commissioner of the court of claims, bore one of the swords at the coronation, and was at one and the same time lord lieutenant of three counties, Hertfordshire, Worcestershire, and Herefordshire. In 1694 he was created Marquis of Alton and Duke of Shrewsbury, and is described as having possessed no ordinary measure of learning, a correct judgment, and a placid demeanour, which insensibly attach all who knew him, qualities that with his general popularity induced King William to give him the epithet of "The King of Hearts." In 1713 he filled three posts which no single individual had ever occupied before—those of lord lieutenant of Ireland, lord high treasurer of Great Britain, and lord chamberlain of the household. His administration in Ireland was honourable to himself and beneficial to the country. "I come here," he took an early occasion to observe, "not to be of any party, but to administer justice equally to all, to serve the queen, and to protect her subjects in their liberty." During a contested election in Dublin, when the Tories, as a mark of distinction, wore laurels in their hats, he admitted no one to his levees who carried this or any other badge of

dissension. His reward, as has been too frequently the result of such impartiality, was the distrust of each party, and the abuse of both. He was openly ridiculed in satires and lampoons, and, in allusion to a personal defect, was insulted on the very walls of the Castle by the nickname of "Polyphemus," or "Ireland's Eye."

In 1722 William Talbot, of the Grafton line, was promoted to the bishopric of Durham, of which county he was also made lord lieutenant and *custos rotulorum*. His eldest son, Charles Talbot, was in 1733 constituted lord high chancellor of England, and created a baron of Great Britain, by the title of Lord Talbot, Baron of Hensol, in the county of Glamorgan. It has been said of him, "that eloquence never afforded greater charms from any orator, than when public attention listened to his sentiments, delivered with the most graceful modesty, nor did wisdom and knowledge ever support it with more extensive power, nor integrity enforce it with greater weight." Malkin, in his work on South Wales, relates of him, that riding unattended in that county by the bank of a river, near Hensol, which he wished to cross, he inquired of a countryman whether it was fordable there; the rustic nodded assent, but not in a manner that fully satisfied Lord Talbot, who repeated the question in Welch, when the man with much emotion exclaimed, "Oh no, for heaven's sake do not attempt it; it is very dangerous; come with me and I will shew you the ford. —I took you for a Saxon!"

The Honourable and Reverend James Talbot, fourth son of George, the thirteenth Earl of Shrewsbury, by the daughter of Lord Fitzwilliam, was educated some time at Paris, and afterwards at the College of Douay, where he received orders, and took the degrees of Bachelor and Licentiate of Divinity. About the year 1759 he was consecrated Bishop of Bitha, "*in partibus infidelium*," and appointed vicar apostolic over the Roman Catholics in the London district, comprehending most of the southern counties, the body of the English Roman Catholics being divided into four districts since some time before the Revolution, over each of which an apostolical vicar presides. He resided during the greater portion of his life at Hammersmith, and died there in 1790 at a very advanced age. In 1782 Richard Talbot was one of the four delegates of the province of Leinster who entered into the resolu-

tion—"That the addresses of the Irish parliament having disclaimed any power or authority of any sort whatsoever in the parliament of Great Britain over this realm, we shall consider a repeal of the sixth of George the First by the British parliament, made in pursuance of the said addresses, a complete renunciation of all the claims contained in the said statute, and as such we will accept it and deem it satisfactory." In 1797 the fort of Irois, in the West Indies, was gallantly defended by Lieutenant Talbot of the 82nd Regiment, who, however, died of the wounds received on that occasion. In 1805 Captain John Talbot of the *Leander*, retook that vessel, and captured the *Ville de Milan*, and in 1812, as commander of the *Victorious* he captured the *Rivoli*, after a severe action, in consequence of which he was created a Knight of the Bath.

In 1810 Neil Talbot, brother of the present Lord Talbot de Malahide, was killed at Ciudad Rodrigo, where he commanded as Lieutenant-Colonel of the 14th Light Dragoons. His lordship has also a brother, Thomas Talbot, member of the senate of Upper Canada, and colonel of the militia of that province. In 1831 Lady Margaret Talbot, their mother, was created Baroness Talbot de Malahide and Lady Malahide of Malahide for her life, with remainder on her decease to these her heirs male, in right of which limitation the present lord now enjoys the dignity.

Other particulars of the Irish line, not enumerated in this memoir, will be found in the above sketch of Malahide, and in other parts of this "History," as directed in the General Index.

After passing the pretty cottage of Mrs. Clare at right, the road from Malahide to the metropolis presents in its outset a noble and extensive view of the northern parts of the county. At the village of Yellow Walls, a road turns to the right over a little rivulet to Swords, and opens upon the sea. Its boundary ditch, on the day of observation, presented the infant wild strawberry, and the earliest primroses of spring. Near it, on the lands of Mantua, may be seen the re-

mains of an ancient fort, close to which is Seatown, formerly the estate of Christopher Russell, and forfeited by him in 1641.

Turning from the Dublin road to a hill at right, the tourist will reach the interesting scene of

## FELTRIM,

a village at the foot of a hill, that commands an extensive and beautiful prospect over the sea and the whole country of Fingal, with the expanse of the bay and the Rochestown and Wicklow hills beyond it. On its summit is a large windmill, a very conspicuous object from every direction; near which are some ruins of the ancient residence of the Fagan family, long the proprietors of the district, and to whose generosity the place was probably indebted for its name, i. e. the hill of hospitality. They held it, however, as of the manor of Malahide. The fee is now in Captain Bever, an absentee.

The rent of land here is about four guineas per acre; the labourer's wages, sixteen pence per day. Its soil rests on mountain limestone, and the quarries present numerous organic remains.

Its tithes, the extent and value of which are defined by an inquisition of 1547, were, with those of Drynam, Nevinstown, Brownstown, &c. early appropriated to the Economy of St. Patrick's.

In the reign of Elizabeth, when the unfortunate Earl of Desmond was a prisoner of state, his health requiring country air, the custody of his person was consigned to Christopher Fagan, of Feltrim, who magnanimously informed the government, that, as his guest, the earl was most welcome to diet and lodging at his

house, but that he should never become his keeper. Desmond, in such liberal guardianship, was permitted to walk abroad on his parol, a privilege which he abused, and effected his escape into Munster, where, entering soon after into open rebellion, he was treacherously murdered by some of his own followers.

This hill, now covered with furze and brushwood, was then darkened by a venerable forest; yet amidst its romantic rocks and the everlasting scenery that surrounds it, associations connected with the above event seemed to rise from the soil, and fill the memory with the national inflictions of that period. The vision of the captive Desmond appeared environed by those English knights who, early in the reign of Elizabeth, when unable to equip themselves for the distant spoliation of the then newly discovered world, besought their gracious sovereign to license an expedition and invasion of Ireland; doubtless urging, that it would initiate all who undertook it in the glorious labours of civilizing a savage and converting a superstitious nation,—an apprenticeship of Buccaneers, which the queen was induced to legitimate,—and “in consideration thereof” the novices modestly covenanted to remit to the English treasury about a groat per annum, for every acre of their acquisitions, in which faithful promises originated their cognomen of “undertakers.”

The palatinate of Desmond was the great object of this guilty confederacy; while, in truth, extending as it did over one hundred and fifty miles of territory in the province of Munster, and comprising upwards of half a million of acres, over which the earl claimed and exercised an exclusive and uncontrolled jurisdiction, its continuance in such a state seemed to justify the political apprehensions of the English government. The history, however, of this campaign, and the consequent confiscation and allotment of a province, are wholly beyond the scope of the present work; and it shall only be remarked, what many perhaps who read these pages will learn with surprise, that amongst these adventurers were the accomplished Sir Walter Raleigh and Edmund Spenser, the author of the “Faerie Queen.”

The Christopher Fagan, alluded to as having entertained Desmond here, had been in 1573 Lord Mayor of the city of Dublin; and it is of him, although erroneously styled “Nicholas” Fagan,



Holinshed says, "There hath been of late worshipful ports kept by Master Fyan, who was twice mayor, Master Segrave, Thomas Fitz Simons, Robert Cusack, Walter Cusack, Nicholas Fagan, and others, and not only their officers so far excel in hospitality, but also the greater part of the civity is generally addicted to such ordinary and standing houses, as it would make a man muse which way they are able to bear it out, but only by the goodness of God, which is the upholder and furtherer of hospitality. What should I here speak of their charitable alms daily and hourly extended to the needy. The poor prisoners, both of the Newgate and the Castle, with three or four hospitals, are chiefly, if not only relieved by the citizens. Furthermore, there are so many other extraordinary beggars that daily swarm there, so charitably succoured, as that they make the whole civitie in effect their hospital."

In 1611, John Fagan passed fresh patent for the town and lands of Feltrim, a mill and 240 acres, Effernock, 54 acres, Mabestown, 106 acres, &c. ; all which he had inherited from his father Richard ; but John's descendant, Christopher, forfeited these paternal estates in Cromwell's time, to which, however, he was restored in 1663, by a decree of the Court of Claims, adjudging him an innocent Papist, and giving him his former possessions in tail male, including the above lands, as also others in Coolock, Bullock, Dalkey, and considerable estates in Lusk, of all which he died so seised in 1682, and which, together with about 1400 acres in the barony of Duleek, were wholly forfeited by his son Richard in the confiscations of 1688. On that event, and on the death of his brother Peter without issue, his sister, Lady Strabane, having previously, in 1684, obtained a grant of the reversion of these estates expectant on the old entail, to her son Claude, Lord Abercorn, they would have vested accordingly in his family, but appear to have been reassumed by the crown.

The ancient residence here was one of the numerous localities, named as having received the unfortunate James the Second in his flight from the Boyne, and the chamber was at no very remote period confidently shewn, where he passed the weary hours of one wretched night.

In 1699, the trustees of the forfeited estates complained in an official Report, that so hasty had been several of the grantees or

their agents in the disposition of the forfeited woods, that vast numbers of trees had been cut and sold for not above 6*d.* a-piece; and in particular, they stated that the like waste was still continuing on the lands of Feltrim, within six miles of Dublin, and the woods of O'Shaughnessy in the county of Galway.

In 1703, Folliott Sherigley had a grant of the town and lands of Feltrim, Effernock, and Mabestown, 325 acres, "the estate of Richard Fagan, attainted;" and in 1728, this denomination was returned as comprising 221 acres, of which the tithes of corn and hay were stated to be payable to the economy fund of St. Patrick's cathedral. Immediately after which, the lands passed into the possession of the Bever family, whose descendant, Edward Bever of Feltrim, was enabled by a private act of parliament in 1760 to make leases thereof, and otherwise to charge the premises.—At this time Hoffseger had his celebrated flower-garden here.

About Feltrim the botanist will find *fedia dentata*, oval-fruited corn salad; *agrostis vulgaris*, common bent grass; *jasion montana*, common sheep's bit; *sedum acre*, wall pepper; *agrimonia eupatoria*, agrimony; *galeopsis ladanum*, red hemp nettle; a variety of the *thymus serpyllum*, wild thyme with white flowers; *draba verna*, common whitlow grass; *geranium columbinum*, long-stalked crane's-bill; *geranium lucidum*, shining crane's-bill; *polygala vulgaris*, milkwort; *poterium sanguisorba*, salad burnet; *saxifraga tridactylotes*, rue-leaved saxifrage, flowering in May; *fedia olitoria*, lamb's lettuce, flowering from April to June; *allium arenarium*, sand garlic. On the adjacent lands a variety of the *galeopsis tetrahit*, common hemphane with white flowers; *orchis viridis*, frog orchis; *plantago media*, hoary plantain.—On the rocks, *arabis hirsuta*, hairy wall cress; *urceolaria contorta*, —; and in the hedges, *trifolium officinale*, melilot.

Between this place and Swords, is a holy well, dedicated to St. Wereburghe, a saint of the seventh age, daughter of Wilfere, King of Mercia. "In her," as her biographers write, "was mingled the royal blood of all the chief Saxon kings, but her glory was the contempt of a vain world even from her cradle, on the pure motion of the love of God."

#### THE FAMILY OF FAGAN,

so intimately connected with this locality, is of high antiquity in Ireland, and much distinguished in its annals, as well as in the history of other countries.

In the year 1022, died Flan O'Fagan, archdean of Durrow in the King's County, "a man in real estimation for goodness, wisdom, and exemplary piety." In the thirteenth century the name was established as one of tenure in Meath, as the ancient denominations of Faganstown and Derry-Fagan testify; and there the Fagans early connected themselves with the de Lacys; the Plunketts, ancestors of the Earls of Louth; the Barnewalls of Crickstown, ancestors of the Viscounts Kingsland, and the Barons of Turvey and Trimblestown. About the year 1275, Nicholas de Hynteberg and others confirmed to Sir Robert Bagod a certain stone house with all its appurtenances of wood and stone, situated within the walls of the city of Dublin, and in the parish of St. Martin near St. Werburgh's gate, which had been theretofore the land of William Fagan, together with a certain tower beyond said gate.

In 1334, Richard Fagan had a pension of twenty marks charged on the treasury of Ireland, in consideration of his good services against O'Reilly and Bermingham, and in 1343 had a further grant of part of the lands forfeited by his father-in-law, Sir Hugh de Lacy, for the term of his own life and that of his son John. This John was in 1358 high sheriff of the liberties of Meath, and in 1373 was appointed governor of the castle of Trim. In 1402 Nicholas Fagan was one of two commissioners deputed to collect state supplies in the barony of Morgallion, and in 1423 Sir John Fagan was

constituted high sheriff of the liberties of Meath, and received a writ of mandamus to muster the forces of his district, in order to repel the incursions of the O'Conors and O'Reillys, "the avowed enemies of the English Pale." His son, Richard Fagan, was in 1457 high sheriff of the liberties of Meath, and in the following year obtained a pension of twenty marks, on account of the heavy expenses he had sustained in the king's service during his employment.

Christopher Fagan, the representative of the Meath line and the inheritor of their estates, was involved in the civil wars that arose in Ireland during the reign of Henry the Seventh, and in particular in the assertion of Perkin Warbeck's title to the crown. This Christopher was (with as it is said four of his sons) slain at the siege of Carlow, and having been attainted, his estates were on inquisition of 1494 ascertained, and subsequently granted over to the Aylmers, Barnewalls, and other nobles of the Pale. John, the youngest son of Christopher, escaped the fatal field where his father and his brothers perished, and flying to Cork, intermarried about the year 1514 with the daughter of William Skiddy of Skiddy's Castle, by whom he had Thomas Fagan, afterwards one of the citizens of Cork, who not only opposed the proclaiming of King James, and the entrance of the Lord Mountjoy into the city, but even took forcible possession of Skiddy's Castle.

To return to the line of Christopher,—his eldest son Richard, who fell with him at Carlow, left a son, Thomas Fagan, who acquired the estate of Feltrim, and had two sons, Christopher and Richard; the former was one of the sheriffs of the city of Dublin in 1565, and again in 1573, as was the latter in 1575, and Lord Mayor in 1587. In 1604 this Richard obtained a pardon of alienation for himself and his son and heir John Fagan of Feltrim, and dying in 1609, was buried in the family vault at St. Audeon's. John intermarried with Alicia, the daughter of Walter Segrave, by whom he had issue four sons. A short time after the decease of his father he surrendered his estates to the Crown, and not only obtained a new grant thereof by letters patent in 1611, but also got a grant of several lands in the county of Wexford in 1637. His eldest son, Richard, intermarried with Eleanor Fagan, the heiress of the Meath estates, by which event all the estates of the

Fagan family vested in the house of Feltrim. By her he had Christopher Fagan who succeeded thereto, but was declared a forfeiting proprietor during the civil wars of 1641. On proof, however, of his innocence, he was in 1670 decreed to the possession thereof, qualified into an estate in tail male. The other three sons of John Fagan were Thomas and George, who both died unmarried, and John, who became the founder of the Munster line, the last representatives of the Fagans of Feltrim.

Early in the seventeenth century, branches of the family were settled in the county Carlow; while in 1617 died the learned Nicholas Fagan, whom the Pope had preferred from the abbey of Inislaunaght, to the see of Waterford. He was interred in the religious house over which he had presided.

In 1666, Patrick Fagan preferred his memorial to the Court of Claims, as a soldier, for certain lands in the county Louth enumerated in his petition and schedule; and in 1682 died Christopher Fagan, as mentioned in the notice of "Feltrim," leaving two sons, Richard and Peter, and a daughter, Elizabeth, who intermarried with Claude, the fourth Lord Strabane. Richard was a zealous adherent of King James the Second, and distinguished himself at the siege of Derry, as commemorated in the quaint lines on the subject:

"Bellew left Duleek, and his ancient hall,  
To see his monarch righted,  
Fagan of Feltrim, with Fingal  
His cavalry united;  
'Twas part of the plan, that Lord Strabane  
Should give his neighbours warning,  
But they packed him off with a shot and a scoff,  
His hollow counsel scorning," &c. &c.

Richard also fought for the Stuart at the battle of Aughrim, and consequently forfeited all his estates. He left three daughters by his wife Eleanor Aylmer, of Lyons, one of whom, Helen, was married, as mentioned hereafter, to John Taylor of Swords; another, Mary, to John Eustace, of Confee Castle; and the third, Anne, died unmarried. Peter, the younger brother, is noticed at "St. Doulogh's;" he died without issue.

In the charter of King James the Second to Old Leighlin, in 1688, Hugh Fagan was named one of the burgesses, as was Richard Fagan in that granted in the ensuing year to Swords, and the same monarch, in 1690, presented the Rev. James Fagan to the vicarages of Dowestown and Castlecor.

To revert to John, son of John Fagan and Alice Aylmer, before mentioned as the founder of the Munster line, he married Bell, daughter of William Knowles, of Waterford, and died about the year 1688, leaving three sons, William, Christopher, and James. The latter passed after the Revolution into the Spanish service, where he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. William, the eldest son, died without issue, leaving all of his property that escaped confiscation in 1689, (for he too espoused the cause of James the Second,) to his next brother, Christopher, who had also adhered to the same cause, was a captain in Lord Kenmare's regiment of infantry, fought at Aughrim, was comprised in the capitulation of Limerick in 1691, and retired thence, at the invitation of Lord Kenmare, to the county Kerry, where he died in 1740, leaving issue, Patrick Fagan, and other sons. Patrick died in 1770, leaving a very numerous family, some of whom have signalized themselves in various quarters of the globe. Christopher, the eldest, entered the French service, became a chevalier of the order of St. Louis, and a very distinguished officer, and died in London, in 1816, without issue. Stephen, the second son, was an eminent merchant in Cork, and died in 1811, leaving issue as hereafter mentioned. Robert Fagan, the third son of Patrick, became a merchant at St. Kitt's; and his son Christopher is now Adjutant-General in the India service. Another son, James, became Quartermaster-General at Grenada, where he was killed in a duel. A fifth, John, left issue—two sons; George, who became Adjutant-General in India, and Christopher, a Brigadier-General. Stephen, the second son of Patrick, above alluded to, left two sons, Patrick and James; the former, by his wife, Miss Hussey, of Dingle, left several children, the eldest of whom, Doctor Stephen Fagan, appears to be now the representative of the Fagan family; while James, by his wife, Ellen Theresa Trant, left two sons, William and Charles, and two daughters, Eliza and Susan. The elder brother of this line, William Fagan, is settled as a merchant in

Cork, intermarried in 1827 with Mary, the only daughter of Charles Addis, of London, and by her has issue, sons and daughters.

In 1809, Robert Fagan, Esq. was appointed British Consul in Sicily and Malta. He resided in Italy for several years, during which, by frequent excursions and searches in the neighbourhood of Rome, he discovered many articles of value. In 1816, however, he fell into a desponding state while at that city, and threw himself from a window, of which fall he died. In 1810, Lieutenant 'Fagan' of the Royal Marines distinguished himself in the action against the French squadron in the Bay of Naples; and in 1815 General Fagan did signal service in India.

From Feltrim the line of this excursion crosses the little river, before noticed as emptying into the sea at Portmarnock, and enters

#### KINSALY,

a parish comprising 2,129A. 3R. 27P. in the one denomination, with a population of 593 Catholics and 58 Protestants. It is in the Catholic union of Howth. A Mr. Cooper is the principal proprietor of the fee; the rent varies from £3 to £4 per acre, the wages of labour being at most sixteen pence per day, in some instances less.

The old church is at a little distance from the present village, on the road to Portmarnock, and south of the pure, limpid stream that runs between them. It exhibits some picturesque, ivied ruins of nave and chancel with a double-belfried gable, surrounded by ancient trees. There are no monuments in or about this ruin worthy of notice. In the village of Kinsaly is a handsome modern chapel, adjacent to which is a poor school, supported by the pro-

duce of sermons and private contributions, and usually attended by about 120 children.

Previous to the English invasion Kinsaly was in the possession of Hamund Fitz Torkaill, a Dane, and Henry the Second expressly recognised his right on condition of his paying annually two marks to find lights for the holy rood (i. e. the holy cross) of Christ Church in Dublin. Strongbow afterwards gave Kinsaly absolutely to Christ Church for the same use,\* which grant was confirmed by Archbishop Laurence O'Toole in 1178; accordingly in a bull of Pope Urban of the year 1186, it is specially named in the enumeration of the landed possessions of that priory.

At this early period a church was founded here dedicated to St. Nicholas, and made one of the exterior chapels subservient to the mother church of Swords, being granted by Archbishop Luke, together with all its tithes, and sundry other profits and emoluments, to the vicar of that parish.†

St. Nicholas of Pinara, Bishop of Myra, the patron of Kinsaly, and especially regarded as the patron of school children, was born at Patara, in Lycia. From his infancy he was inured to the exercises of devotion, penance, and perfect obedience. He was chosen Archbishop of Myra, and in that exalted station became celebrated for his extraordinary piety and zeal. Hospinian attributes the invocation of St. Nicholas by sailors to a miracle—

“Cum turbine nautæ

Deprensi Cilices magno clamore vocarent,

Nicolai viventis opem, descendere quinam

Cœlitum visus sancti sub imagine patris,

Qui freta depulso fecit placidissima vento.”‡

Armstrong, speaking of Ciudadella, mentions that near the entrance of the harbour stands a chapel dedicated to St. Nicholas, to which the sailors that have suffered shipwreck resort, in order to return thanks for their preservation, and to hang up votive pictures representing the dangers they have escaped, a custom which

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\* Reg. Christ Church. † Allen's Reg. ‡ Hosp. de Festis, 153.



the classical scholar will recognise as derived from the older times of Rome —

“ Me, tabulâ sacer  
Votivâ paries indicat uvida,  
Suspendisse potenti  
Vestimenta maris Deo.”

St. Nicholas died in 343, and his festival is kept on the 6th of December.

In 1200 Amori de Nugent gave to the prior of Christ Church an acre of land in Maine, near Kinsaly, soon after which a claim was set up by the heir of that Elias Comyn (before mentioned at Portmarnock) to a part of Kinsaly; but the prior of Christ Church, to quiet his possession, agreed to pay him 100*s.* annually in the abbey of St. Augustine in Bristol.

In 1337 King Edward confirmed the grant of Kinsaly, with its appurtenances, to the see of Dublin, as did King Richard in 1395. —For a notice of its tithes in 1489, see at “Swords.”

On inquisition of 1576 John Talbot was found seised in fee of a house and one hundred and twenty acres of land in this parish, which he held from the dean and chapter of the Holy Trinity, by fealty and twenty-five shillings annual rent. Sir John Perceval became subsequently entitled to a certain corody out of the lands of Kinsaly, secured to him by a royal letter of about the year 1666.\*

In the seventeenth century Andrew Golding was seised of the manor of Kinsaly, a mansion-house, ten messuages, and two hundred acres, which he held under the dean and chapter of Christ Church. The interest of that family having been forfeited by his heir, Richard Golding, in 1641,† Lord Kingston in 1669 obtained a grant of the town and lands, 386 acres plantation measure, to hold in free and common soccage.

For a notice of Kinsaly in 1697, see “Swords.”

In 1703 Thomas Tilson of Dublin purchased a chief rent of £9 English, theretofore payable out of Paul Davis's lands here, to Richard Fagan, attainted, while Stephen Swift of Kilkenny had a grant of said Fagan's landed estate here, 95*l.*

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\* Record Tower, Dub. Cast.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

In 1832 the first stone was laid of the new Catholic church by the Rev. William Young, parish priest of the union of Howth, Beldoyle, and Kinsaly.

Leaving Kinsaly, which, it may be remarked, is said to possess a bed of excellent marble, the road passes into the village of

#### SAINT DOULOUGH'S.

In the street, at the head of the lane which leads to its church, are the stone basement and socket of an ancient cross, one of those which once marked the *croceæ*, or lands of the cross, "ex parte Fingal."

This church, which is situated on an eminence, commanding a most extensive prospect, is said to have been built by the Danes, as a shrine for St. Olave; the supposition is not, however, probable nor well supported, and Lanigan with more propriety considers it the work of natives, and dedicated to St. Doulogh or Dulech, an Irishman, whose day of commemoration is kept on the 17th of November.\* It was originally a cruciform structure, but the nave has long since given place to a very small, modern church, wholly destitute of even the ornament of monuments. At the time of its foundation this form could not have been fully developed, for the transepts are remarkably small, as is also the eastern portion or original chancel. The building does not stand due east and west, and, though it possesses the stone roof in common with the ancient Saxon churches, all its windows and arched loop-holes approximate to the

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\* Lanigan's *Ecc. Hist.* vol. iii. p. 359.

pointed form. It is forty-eight feet long by eighteen wide, and has a double stone roof, the outer, which covers the building, and the inner, which divides the lower from the upper story ; a small chamber, dimly lighted, occupies the space between, while in the centre of the building rises a low broad tower with graduated battlements, on which, recently, an incongruous spire has been erected, that disfigures and injures the edifice.

On entering the crypt by a small door at the south side, the tomb of the patron saint presents itself, from which a subterranean passage is said to have descended to the well hereafter described ; a narrow way leads thence into the chapel, which is twenty-two feet long by twelve broad, and lighted by three windows, one at the east, and two at the south. Up two pair of stairs is a recess, not much larger than an oven, said to have been the penitential bed of the saint. The roof of the edifice is still in good preservation ; the outer part, rising in a very steep wedge shape, is covered with smooth oblong stones, not large, but laid so closely together without overlapping, and so well bedded in mortar, that, after the many intervening centuries, they neither admit light nor water. The staircase is two feet wide, and of similar construction, the steps being each an irregular triangle and placed alternately, so that two occupy only the breadth of one step as usually placed, by which the ascent is accomplished in half the ordinary space. A modern building, contiguous to the ancient, forms the present place of parochial worship. Near

the church; is a well dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. The water is contained in a circular basin, and over it is an octangular inclosure forming a cone. About it were anciently some fresco paintings and decorations, put up by Peter Fagan of the Feltrim family. The descent of the Holy Ghost on the Apostles was represented at the top, and round the sides were the effigies of Saints Patrick, Columba, and Brigid, much after the manner they are engraved in the title to Messingham's *Florilegium*, as also of the patron St. Doulogh, in a hermit's habit; on the wall was likewise the following inscription engraved upon a marble slab, commemorative of the sanative effects of this holy well:

“*Piscinæ Solymis claræ decus efferat alter,  
Et medicas populus jactet Hebræus aquas,  
Grata Deo patrium celebrat Fingallia fontem  
Doulachi precibus munera nacta piis;  
Morbos ille fugat promptus viresque reponit  
Ægris, et causas mille salutis habet;  
Scilicet æquus agit mediis Doulachus in undis,  
Angelus ut fontem, sic movet ille suum;  
O fons noster amor! si te negleximus olim,  
Mox erit ut nomen sit super astra tuum.*”

But all these curious memorials of devotion were destroyed by the wilful wickedness of those, who knew not how durably a nation is alienated by profaning or slandering the objects of its religious reverence. The Greeks felt the eloquence of such an incentive, and forbade the restoration of the sacred monuments which the Persians had prostrated. Below this well is another vaulted place called St. Catherine's pond.

This parish, the rectory being in the dean and chapter of Christ Church, ranks as a curacy without glebe or glebe-house. It comprises but the one townland of St. Doulogh's, and is in the Catholic union of Howth. The comparative population of it and of Balgriffin was reported as 534 Catholics to 78 Protestants. The rent of lands in both places rates from £5 to £7 per acre, labourers' wages being 8s. per week. Extensive limestone quarries have been worked here, which exhibited numerous organic remains.

In 1178 Archbishop Laurence O'Toole granted to Christ Church (*inter alia*) the chapel of St. Doulogh's with the tithes thereof, also Ballymacamluib, Cloncoein, Talgagh, Tulaghecoin, Cellingeneleam, Celtinen, Rathsalchan, Tillaghnaescop, &c.

At the close of the fifteenth century, John Burnell of Balgriffin gave to John Young, chaplain, and to his successors certain messuages, lands, and tenements in Bothem, Balinacarrick, and Nettlebed, with their appurtenances for ever, towards establishing a chantry in the chapel of St. Doulogh's.\*

Other records connected with this locality will be found at "Balgriffin."

In 1814 the Board of First Fruits lent £300 towards building the glebe-house, and gave £400 for the same object.

On the old walls here grows *arabis hirsuta*, hairy wall cress; and in the vicinity, *ophrys apifera*, bee ophrys; *narcissus sylvestris*, wild daffodil, &c.

Leaving St. Doulogh's,

#### BALGRIFFIN,

or Bally-griffin, i. e. Griffin's town, succeeds, with

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\* Rot. Pat. 21 Hen. VII. in Canc. Hib.

the handsome seat of Mr. Rutherford at left, its gardens and hothouses, and the little river intersecting the grounds and feeding its fish ponds. The fee of this locality is in Mr. Doyne. Rent rates from £5 to £7 per acre.

Balgriffin was formerly a chapelry dependant on the parsonage of Swords. It is now united with St. Doulogh's, and, as the rectory is wholly impropriate in the Precentor of Christ Church, ranks as but a curacy in the deanery of Swords, and in the patronage of the chantor of the said cathedral, both curacies being estimated at the annual value of £160. The union extends over 1052A. 2R. 2P. In the population returns Balgriffin is stated as a separate parish, and that of 1831 returns its inhabitants as two hundred and fifty-nine persons.

The church of Balgriffin was, immediately after the English invasion, in the patronage of Thomas Comyn, as lord of the townland.

In 1178 Archbishop O'Toole confirmed to the priory of the Holy Trinity (*inter alia*) the church of Balgriffin and its glebe, with the chapel of St. Doulogh's, in the same parish, and the tithes thereof. It appears, however, that in the time of Archbishop Luke, the family of Thomas Comyn disputed this title, and, on the death of an incumbent, William Norragh, the widow of said Thomas affected to present John White thereto; her claim was, however, unsuccessful as respected the advowson, but the family of Comyn continued possessed of the fee, and in the year 1403 Sir William Comyn was found seised of the manor, messuages, rents, and tenements of Balgriffin, with all their rights and appurtenances. His son having intermarried with Maria Burnell, the property passed into the latter family.\*

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\* Rot. Claus. 4 Hen. IV. in Canc. Hib.

In 1418 King Henry the Fifth granted to Sir Thomas Talbot, brother of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the manor of "Ballygriffin," with all its appurtenances, being in the king's hands by forfeiture, to be held by him for ever at the service of a knight's fee and an half. But, although the record runs so, it would seem as if the king's title was misstated, and accrued in right of a minority, for in 1460, William Baron de Maresco was here married to Christiana, daughter of Robert Burnell, Lord of Balgriffin. She survived him, and, as appears by several ancient records, was an especial favourite with King Edward the First and his court.

In 1500 the king committed the custody of the whole county of Dublin, during pleasure, to Robert Burnell of Balgriffin,\* a branch of whose family soon after settled at Castleknock.

In 1534 John Burnell of Balgriffin was one of the warmest adherents of the ill-fated Thomas Fitzgerald, "the silken lord." He was married to a daughter of the second Lord Gormanston.

In 1537 Gerald, son of Edward Nugent, had a general livery of seisin and pardon of intrusion as to lands in Beldoyle, Corbally, Darndale, Newton, Tawlaght, and Balgriffin.†

In 1545 the king granted to Conacius Earl of Tyrone, in consideration of his services, the town of Balgriffin, with all its messuages, gardens, &c., except the mill and water courses, the late estate of John Burnell, attainted, to hold to said earl for life, remainder to the Baron of Dungannon in tail male, with a condition of forfeiture in case of any confederacy against, or disturbance of the government by the earl, or any person in possession under the remainder.

In 1560 Robert Burnell of this family was member of parliament for Drogheda, as was Henry Burnell for the county of Dublin in 1585.

In 1574 Queen Elizabeth, without noticing the patent of 1545 to the Earl of Tyrone, granted to Thomas, the tenth Earl of Ormond, the estates of John Burnell of Balgriffin, "forfeited by the treason for which he had been lately executed." That family did not, however, abandon their opposition to the queen's government, and

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\* Rot. Pat. 15 Hen. VII. in Canc. Hib.

† Rot. in Canc. Hib.

accordingly in 1577 Sir Henry Sidney, writing to the lords of the council in England, says of one of them—“Of Burnell I will say little, but wish he had been better occupied, for he is a man well spoken and towardly enough otherwise, if he would have applied himself to his profession and followed his clients’ causes, and not so busily have meddled with her majesty’s prerogative, which is not limited by Magna Charta, nor found in Littleton’s Tenures, nor written in the books of assizes, but registered in the remembrances of her majesty’s exchequer, and remains in the roll of records in the tower as her majesty’s treasure. It were good therefore he were taught to know it better, if he have not yet learned so far. And for the cess it is the queen’s right, it is her royalty very long and of antiently continued, and found to have had a being by the name of cess and cessor in the antientest rolls of laws that are extant in this land, the impugnors thereof are the more severely to be dealt withal, which I refer to your lordships’ grave, wise, and honourable considerations.” And in another despatch to the queen he says—“Burnell’s father is alive, and an old man, but neither in youth nor age lived or was able to live in half that appearance that this man doth. He thirsteth earnestly to see the English government withdrawn from hence.”

In 1580 John de Bathe of Drumcondra bequeathed a ploughland in Chapelized to support an hospital for four poor men here.

In 1599 Sir Thomas Fitzwilliam being seised, as it would appear, as trustee of the Earl of Tyrone, of the manor, town, and lands of Balgriffin, three hundred acres, granted same to William Bathe in tail male;\* and accordingly a subsequent inquisition finds his heir, John Bathe, seised of said manor, &c., of Balgriffin, containing one castle, one water-mill, three hundred acres of arable land, &c., which he so held of the crown in capite by knight service.

On the attainder of Hugh Earl of Tyrone, some doubt arising whether the estate of Balgriffin, with its appurtenances, so alleged to have been previously conveyed by said Hugh to John Bathe, might not be involved in the consequent forfeitures, the Lord Deputy and Council, on the petition of said John, promised and undertook, that his Majesty, his heirs and successors, should from time to time, at the will and pleasure of said John, his heirs

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.



and assigns, by new letters patent, without fine or other charges, grant to said John, his heirs or assigns, or their nominees, all said lands of Balgriffin, under such rents and reservations as said Hugh had reserved. And such their undertaking was enrolled in the Council Book and in the Journals of Parliament.

For a notice of Balgriffin in 1609, and the rights which the Piers family then acquired here, see at "Cabragh."

At the time of the regal visitation in 1615, there were the ruins of a chapel yet remaining here, appertaining, as that return states, to St. Doulogh's. Some obscure traces of this edifice are still observable.

In 1617 John Bathe passed patent for the entire manor of Balgriffin, stated to have been the estate of John Burnell, attainted, and conveyed as above to said Bathe, by Sir Thomas Fitzwilliam.

About the close of the reign of Charles the First, flourished Henry Burnell, a descendant of this family, author of "Langartha; a tragi-comedy, presented in the new theatre in Dublin with good applause, being an ancient story. Dublin, 1641. 4to.\*" The plot was taken from the ancient Swedish and Danish historians; and it was the last play performed at the old theatre in Werburgh-street, Dublin.

In 1666 James Duke of York obtained a grant (*inter alia*) of 480 acres, plantation measure, in "Ballygriffin."

Richard Earl of Tyrconnel subsequently resided at the castle here, having obtained a grant of the above 480 acres, which, on his attainder, were given to John Forster of Dublin, subject to a lease for ninety-nine years, to Thomas Stepney, Esq. the benefit of which interest said Stepney claimed at Chichester house; and was allowed same with saving of the rights of "the two parsons of Balgriffin."

The next locality worthy of notice is

#### BELCAMP,

formerly the seat of Sir Edward Newenham, now that

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\* Walker's Hist. of the Irish Stage.

of Mrs. Hawthorne, a large and handsome house, near which is a small tower, built in 1778, in honour of General Washington, and suitably inscribed.

The windings of the road afford interesting vistas of the sea, Ireland's Eye, Howth, and the intervening shore. At left succeeds Clare Grove, the mansion of General Cuppage, previously called Annesley Lodge, having been the residence of Lord Annesley. At right is Darndale, formerly the estate of the Rev. John Jackson of Clonshaugh, in this county, who bequeathed it about the year 1787, subject to the life interest of his grand-nephew, Edward Bever, Esq. to the Incorporated Society for founding Protestant Schools, to the use of said charity for ever.

#### COOLOCK,

the immediately succeeding village, gives its name to the parish and barony in which it is situated; the former is a vicarage in Finglas Deanery, the rectory and advowson of the vicarage being in the Marquis of Drogheda.

The parish was assessed to the ancient subsidies, and, according to the road rates, as 1199 acres, comprised in ten townlands. Its estimate, under the modern survey, has not yet been calculated. Its population in 1831 was 914 persons, while the number of its labourers is said to be about 170, of whom 140 get constant employment, and thirty occasional. Near the village is a small neat church, for the repair of which the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have recently granted £244 18s. It is situated on the brow of a hill. In

the parish is a glebe-house, with a glebe of 17A. 2R. 25P. In the Catholic dispensation, Coolock is in the Union of Clontarf, and has a neat and commodious chapel, with a spacious vestry-room, in which a library is kept of suitable books for the use of the Coolock Benefit Society.

There is here a Sunday and Day Protestant school, where at present are maintained three boarders, each paying £15 per annum, while about twenty girls and fifteen boys receive a daily education gratuitously. This establishment is supported by contributions from Lord Charlemont, Mr. Guinness, the Rector, &c.

The church contains no monuments, and those in the cemetery are modern, the oldest of note being to the memory of the Rev. Smyth Loftus, who died Vicar of Coolock, in 1761. There are also monuments to the families of Ferguson and Jolly, to one of the Dalys of Loughrea, to Alderman Nugent, who died in 1834, another to the Rev. Nesbitt Seely, who died Vicar of Inismagrath, in 1806, and an enclosure, funereally adorned with yews, and designated the grave of General Cuppage, though the general still "lives—a prosperous gentleman." Sir Compton Domville is the chief proprietor of the fee in this parish. The rent of land varies from £3 to £6 per acre, that of a cabin, without land, from one to two shillings per week.

In the neighbourhood of the village were several raths, or moats, of which some are yet discernible, but now much cut down, and mixed with the soil of the surrounding fields. The most perfect is on Mr.

Staunton's ground, hence called Moatfield. There is another at Edenmore, near the church ; a third, at Darndale, Mr. Gogarty's, and another at Mr. White's of Bonnybrook.

In the time of Archbishop Comyn, Coolock was a chapelry annexed to Swords,\* and, according to the authority of a collation of Archbishop Fagan in 1733, was dedicated to St. Brendan of Kerry, whom ancient chronicles style "the great patriarch of monks and star of the western world," and who, having been the founder of the monastery at Clonfert, in which he spent the close of his life, was thence usually called Brendan of Clonfert. He was born in 484, studied theology under St. Jarlath of Tuam, founded various religious houses, died on the 16th of May, in the year 577, and was buried at Clonfert.

In Allen's Register is preserved a certificate of Archbishop Comyn, that he had admitted, about the year 1190, Walter Comyn to the parsonage of the church of Swords, with the appendant chapels of Malahide, Kinsaly, Balgriffin, Coolock, &c. ; while in the Repertorium Viride it is stated, that the church of Coolock had anciently been in the gift of the Baron de Nugent, but was afterwards appropriated to the priory of Lanthony near Gloucester, whose fraternity endowed a perpetual vicarage here of their own presentation.

In 1207 Haket de Nugent gave sixty marks for liberty to bring a proceeding in the nature of an ejectment for three knights' fees with their appurtenances, which had been the property of Gilbert de Nugent his brother, situated in Coolock and its vicinity, and then occupied by Richard de Capella.

In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the family of Hollywood was seised of the manor of Coolock, of which the lands of Ballytra, Drynam, &c. were held.† This property subsequently passed to the Talbots.

In 1537, the king, by letters patent, which were confirmed by a private act of parliament, conferred upon John Bathe and Ed-

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\* Allen's Register.

† Rolls in Canc. Hib.

mund Griffin, (*inter alia*,) the parsonage of Coolock, which was afterwards rated to the First Fruits at £5 1s. 8d.

In 1538 the prior of Kilmainham granted to Matthew King and Elizabeth his wife, (*inter alia*,) thirty acres of the wood of Coolock, and all other woods to the said town belonging.

At the dissolution, the prior of St. John's of Kilmainham was found seised of twenty-four acres of underwood in Coolock, called the Prior's wood, annual value 6s. 8d., while the rectory, extending over Coolock, Kilmore, Newtown, and Darndale, was appropriate to the abbey of Duleek.

In 1579 Marmaduke Middleton, who had been Vicar of Coolock, succeeded to the sees of Waterford and Lismore. He was afterwards degraded, and deprived at Lambeth, before the High Commissioners, not only by reading his sentence *in scriptis*, but by a formal divesting him of his episcopal robes and priestly vestments. His offence appears to have been the contriving and publishing of a forged will. When pressed to answer articles, he refused to do so upon oath, claiming the privilege of a peer, to testify upon honour. He did not long survive his disgrace.

In 1595 the king presented Edward Moore to the perpetual vicarage of Coolock, as then vacant by the death of Edward Wetherby.—For notices in 1608, as to the possessions of the Prior of Kilmainham here, see at "Clontarf," and in 1611 see at "Cloghran," as to those of the Nugent family.

In 1614 Garrett, Viscount Moore, was seised of the rectory and tithes of Coolock,\* for which he passed patents in 1620 and 1640. The regal visitation of 1615 returns the vicarage as of the value of twenty marks, and states that John Credland was then its vicar.

In 1616 Nicholas Lord Howth died seised of one messuage and fourteen acres here, two messuages and eighty-five acres in Whitston, &c.,† which continue in his descendant. At the time of the visitation of 1639, Thomas Seele, who was afterwards Dean of St. Patrick's, filled the cures of Coolock and Ratheny, and so continued to do down to 1648.

In 1673 James Lord Santry died seised in free and common

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

socage of thirty acres in Coolock, and leaving Richard his son and heir.\*—For notices of Coolock in 1682, see at "Feltrim," and in 1697 and 1732, see "Santry."

In 1760 the church, then newly erected, was consecrated, the Rev. Smith Loftus being minister. In 1817 it was rebuilt, or rather enlarged, and in 1818 Mrs. Anne Preston, before mentioned, left £100 to the minister and churchwardens of the parish of Coolock, to be laid out at interest, and the annual proceeds applied for the use of the poor of said parish. The minister states that this bequest "is vested in  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. stock, and the interest put amongst the other church collections, and accounted for accordingly."

In 1832 a society was formed here by Mr. Staunton, the proprietor of the *Register* newspaper, then and still resident at Moatfield within the parish, with the object of diverting from the ale-house the wages of the labourer's week, and establishing a fund for the relief and maintenance of the working people under the visitation of sickness, or want of employment. Persons paying one shilling per month were constituted members, not, however, to be entitled to the benefit of the fund, until such weekly payments amounted to one pound. As character, however, is an essential qualification to admission, so is it also to continuance in the fraternity; and any member, whose viciousness has been marked by conviction in a court of justice, or been otherwise established, is in minor instances fined, and in more aggravated cases, solemnly expelled. The allowance to a sick member is 7s. per week, and to one unemployed 5s. per week, while every member is empowered to bequeath £5 at his decease out of the funds, and to have his funeral expenses defrayed by the society. In consequence of the increase of its members, and the accumulation of the deposits, which were regularly lodged in a savings' bank, this institution has added to its objects, that of a loan fund for the necessities of its industrious members; and under the influence of all these charitable exertions, this village has grown into comfort and morality. It is now further proposed, on the principle of the Monts de Piété, to accept any voluntary deposits, giving an interest of 3 per cent. for same, such investments to be afterwards lent out to the members

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

of the society at £5 per cent., the profit to be of course appropriated to the definite objects of the institution. This society at present comprises about three hundred members, principally of the class of agricultural labourers. There is, also, a little library furnished with fitting books upheld by the society, and lent out under the direction of a managing committee.

A very pretty cross-road leads from Coolock by the church to Ratheny, pursuing the course of a little rivulet, which, winding in a valley at right through Brookville, the handsome seat of Mr. Law, and Edenmore, that of Mr. M'Conchy, glides by the church of Ratheny, as before mentioned, into the sea.

The botany of Coolock exhibits *lathyrus pratensis*, yellow meadow vetchling; *vicia cracca*, tufted vetch; *senecio tenuifolius*, hoary ragwort; *bromus erectus*, upright brome-grass; *lolium perenne*, ray grass.—In the watery places, *epilobium parviflorum*, small flowered willow herb.—On the old ditches, *cornus sanguinea*, dog wood; *rosa arvensis*, white trailing dog rose; *ranunculus hederaceus*, ivy crow-foot; *centaurea scabiosa*, greater knapweed; while, in and on the ditches of a cross-road that leads hence to Santry, are found *scabiosa arvensis*, field scabious; *myosotis palustris*, forget-me-not; *alisma ranunculoides*, lesser water plantain; *verbena officinalis*, vervain; *origanum vulgare*, common marjoram, and a variety of the *centaurea nigra*, black knapweed with white flowers.

## ARTANE,

the next locality, more anciently called Tartaine, was a chapelry, dedicated to St. Nicholas, and subservient

to the church of Finglas.\* In the Catholic arrangement it is annexed to the parish of Clontarf. It comprises 953A. 2R. 8P. in two townlands; and its population (in 1831) was stated as 583 persons.

Some inconsiderable ruins of the ancient church survive the desecration, that has appropriated its principal materials to the construction of a modern edifice. Within the mouldering fragments is a tombstone to Elizabeth, the daughter of John Talbot, of Malahide, and wife of Christopher Hollywood, who died in 1711, and to said Christopher, who died in 1718; while beside it is a sarcophagus, without date, to Richard Connolly, Esq. of Elm Park. A barbarism, even greater than that which dilapidated the church, is observable in the shameless evidences of premature resurrections which the graveyard exhibits.

Artane was for centuries the estate of the family of Hollywood, or "de Sacro Bosco;" for particulars of whom see *post*, at "Hollywood." It seems to have been acquired by them in the fourteenth century, when Robert de Hollywood, one of the Remembrancers, and afterwards a Baron of the Exchequer, paid forty shillings for a license to acquire certain lands and tenements in Ireland.

In 1416 the king committed to Philip Charles and others the custody of Artane and all the other lands of which Christopher Hollywood died seised in Ireland, and which were then in the king's hands, according to the law of wardship, by reason of the minority of Robert, said Christopher's son and heir.

In 1420 a similar grant passed to Richard Fitz Eustace, knight, of the custody of two parts of all the manors, &c. of said Christopher; and which are therein described as lying in the counties of

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\* Repert. Viride.



Dublin, Meath, and Louth, and continuing in the king's hands by reason of the minority of said Robert.

In 1435 said Robert having died, leaving three daughters minors, the crown again became entitled to the possession of two-thirds of the manor of Artane, the other third being assigned for the widow's dower: and accordingly granted the custody thereof during their minority to their uncle.\* On the marriage of one of those daughters with Robert Burnell, of Balgriffin, her proportion of the estate passed into that family.†

In 1533 John Allen, Archbishop of Dublin, when intending to fly from the resentment of Thomas Fitzgerald, then in rebellion against King Henry, took boat from Dublin, but his little bark was driven on shore by contrary winds near Clontarf, whence he sought shelter in Artane, but being discovered, was dragged from his bed, and inhumanly murdered. The spot, where this deed was perpetrated, is recorded to have been for a long time hedged in, overgrown with weeds, and unfrequented. This ill-fated prelate was the pupil of Wolsey, and trained up by him in political intrigue. He had served his ambitious patron as judge in his legatine court with an assiduity and attention neither upright nor honourable; and, though accused of misdemeanor, and dismissed from this office, he was still protected by the cardinal, and proved his useful and active agent in the suppression of monasteries. The jealousy of Gardiner, however, affected his removal to Ireland, where his adoption of his patron's prejudices against the Geraldines led to his destruction.—About the same time Richard Delahoyde and Thomas Howth, of Artane, had a grant, in consideration of 120 marks of silver, of all the hereditaments and possessions which the then late Thomas Hollywood held of the crown, *in capite*, during the minority of Nicholas, son and heir of said Thomas; also the wardship and marriage of said Nicholas. Immediately after this event, Artane became the residence of Thomas Howth, alias St. Lawrence, a saving of whose rights is contained in the act of absentees of 1537.

In 1539, the Prior of Kilmainham granted to Thomas Howth,

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\* Rot. Pat. 13 Hen. VI. in Canc. Hib.

† Rot. Claus. 19 Hen. VI. in Canc. Hib.

of Artane, for his good counsel already given, and to be given, an annuity of twenty shillings ; while the Prior of Great Conall assigned to him a similar annuity, as did also the Abbot of Clonard, and the Prior of Ballybogan.

At the dissolution, the tithes of Artane townland, with the altarages, were valued at £8, besides the curate's stipend, and the repairs of the chancel.

About this time, according to the report of the Dunsany Baronage, Elizabeth, the wife of Nicholas Hollywood, of Artane, and the heiress general of the first Baron of Dunsany, was passed over on the death of her father, and the peerage enjoyed by her uncle.

In 1587 Nicholas Hollywood was seised of the manor and lands, &c. of Artane, containing one castle, six messuages, and 190 acres of land, held of the king, *in capite*, by knight's service, and died seised thereof in 1629. This tract was valued on survey in 1663, at 14*s.* per acre.\*

For a notice in 1627, see at "Hollywood." In 1641 Luke Netterville, son of Lord Netterville, at the head of a body of royalists, possessed himself of the castle of Artane, and placed a garrison in it without opposition, Christopher Hollywood being one of his adherents. This Christopher was afterwards one of the confederate Catholics who sat at Kilkenny.

At the Court of Claims consequent upon the forfeitures of 1641, John Hollywood, in relation to the attainder of Nicholas Hollywood, established his title in tail male to the manors of Artane, otherwise Tartaine (then computed as 244 acres), and great Hollywoods, in Santry, with divers other lands in the counties of Dublin, Meath, and Wexford, with remainder to the crown on failure of his issue male. This John was one of the signers of the Roman Catholic Remonstrance. In 1680 his Majesty granted his said estates to Sir Arthur Forbes, one of the commissioners of the Court of Claims, to hold to him and his heirs for a term of 1000 years, at the yearly rent of three pence per acre, to commence from the expiration of Hollywood's interest.

In 1697 the Rev. Mr. Cahill or Kale was returned as the Roman Catholic Priest serving this parish, and resident at Mr. Hol-

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

lywood's. He was also parish priest of Clontarf, Santry, and Coolock. For a notice of Artane in 1732, see "Santry."

In and previous to the year 1748, Artane, by the failure of the male line of John Hollywood, had vested in the Earl of Granard, under the grant of 1680, to his ancestor, Sir Arthur Forbes. The manor is at present the property of Lord Maryborough, an absentee, who receives from £4 to £8 per acre out of it.

In 1832 Matthew Boyle, Esq., bequeathed £10 per annum for thirty-one years, towards the support of the master and mistress of the school here, which has since placed itself in connexion with the National Board, from whom it receives £25 per annum additional. The number of its pupils was in 1834, 140.

Passing Artane, a road turns at left to

#### KILLESTER,

anciently called Quillestra, a curacy united to Clontarf in both the Catholic and Protestant arrangements, extending over 279A. 1R. 15P., comprised in the single denomination of Killester. Its tithes are payable to the economy of Christ Church. Its population in 1831 was 113 persons, of whom 86 were Roman Catholics.

Within this townland may be traced, in the upper beds of limestone, impressions of organized bodies, but so obscure, that nothing more than their vegetable nature can be inferred.

The ruins of the chapel, which was one of those appendant to the church of Swords, exhibit two large gables and windows, with broken connecting walls, all thickly invested with ivy, enclosing and enclosed with elder trees. It was dedicated to St. Brigid, the virgin abbess, who was born at Foghart near

Dundalk, in the sixth century. She is otherwise called St. Bride, and is considered as the general patroness of Ireland, her festival being observed on the first of February.

Here is a handsome seat, once the residence of Viscount Newcomen, now the property of General Luscombe. Its gardens were formerly much admired. The hall is spacious, the reception-rooms good, and the demesne tastily laid out, displaying fine vistas of the bay and its southern shores, some winding wooded walks, and one straight arcade still termed "the nuns' walk."

At the time of the English invasion the prior of Christ Church was seised of the chapel, tithes, and lands of Killester; the latter he demised in 1174 to Andrew Browne, (one of the early adventurers who came in the suite of Henry the Second,) reserving thereout annually, on the feast of St. Michael, forty pence sterling and a pair of slippers. This interest was confirmed to the heir of said Andrew, on his paying yearly on the altar of Christ Church half an ounce of gold and a pair of boots for the prior, together with the tithes of that land, and all other lands he might acquire.\* In 1178 Archbishop O'Toole confirmed the right of Christ Church herein.

In 1186 a bull of Pope Urban specifies Killester as of the possessions of Christ Church, and in 1240 it was confirmed, with all its appurtenances and tithes, by Archbishop Luke, to that establishment.

In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries the Whites were the proprietors of this locality under the dean and chapter of Christ Church;† and in 1373 Richard White, as Lord of Killester, was summoned to a great council.‡ From them it passed to the Lords

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\* Regist. Christ Church.

† Rot: 46 Edw. III. in Canc. Hib.

‡ Rolls in Canc. Hib.

of Howth, and accordingly a record of 1526 states that Lord Howth then held the manor of Killester from the priory of Christ Church, at the yearly rent of 3*s.* 4*d.* Some time previous to this, the chapelry had become one of the five subservient to Swords.

For a notice in 1538, see at "Killbarrock." In 1547 the great tithes of this parish were valued at £13 6*s.* 8*d.*, and were so demised.\*

In 1593 Lord Howth demised to Patrick Taylor of Coolock, the town and lands of Killester, 140*a.* for sixty-one years, at the yearly rent of £23 English. For a further notice in this year see *ante* the memoir of "The Family of St. Lawrence."

An inquisition of 1621 finds that Nicholas, Baron of Howth, died in 1606 seised of Killester, three messuages, and seventy-two acres, &c.

Chidley Coote, second son of Sir Charles Coote, the republican general, subsequently resided and died here, and bequeathed the estate of Killester to increase the jointure of his wife Anne. His interest was, however, derived from that of the Lord of Howth, in whose descendants the fee still continues. For notices in 1697, see at "Clonmethan," and in 1732, at "Santry;" and for an account of the Loan Fund Society established here in 1833, see at "Clontarf."

Returning to the Coolock road the hamlet of

#### DONNYCARNEY

interposes itself in the approach to the city. It is the property of the corporation of Dublin, under whom the Earl of Charlemont holds it at the yearly rent of £885.

The corporation acquired it on the dissolution of the priory of All Hallows, to whom it appertained from time immemorial, as having been one of the townlands given by Dermot Mac Murrough

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\* Inquis. 38 Hen. VIII.

in the twelfth century for the founding of that establishment. (See *ante* at Beldoyle.)

In 1184 King Henry the Second confirmed the right of All Hallows to this denomination, and, at the time of the dissolution, the prior of that house was found seised of a messuage, five cottages, one hundred and twenty acres of arable land, six of meadow, sixteen of pasture, and two of copse here.\*

In 1653 William Basil, who had been the Irish attorney-general previous to Cromwell's usurpation, and continued so during the Protectorate, acquired, by reason of his situation and some discreditable services, a large property, including Donnycarney, which he obtained as a bribe, and on which he resided for some time. A considerable portion of these properties was reclaimed by the legal owners on the Restoration, Donnycarney reverting to the corporation of Dublin, who are still the proprietors of the fee. Martin Basil, a descendant of the said William, was, however, resident here in 1688, and was one of those attainted in King James's parliament, as was also William Basil.

A retired, pretty road leads from Donnycarney, skirting Lord Charlemont's wood at the left, to the old mansion of Hartfield, with its embattled walls; thence, leaving Sion Hill at left, and Highgate and Drumcondra House at right, it turns into Richmond, where is a convent for nuns of the order of St. Dominick,† who support a female charity school, at which ninety children are educated. Hence the tourist returns into the city by the village through which he emerged, at Ballybough Bridge.

At Richmond the botanist will observe *solanum nigrum*, garden nightshade; *erysimum alliaria*, Jack of the hedge; and by the river side, *galanthus ni-*

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\* Inquis. xxx. Hen. VIII. in Ch. Rememb. Office.

† See of this order at "Oxmantown."

*valis*, snow-drop, the summer harbinger, of which Darwin writes—

“ Warm with sweet blushes bright *Galantha* glows,  
And prints with frolic steps the melting snows ;  
Chides with her dulcet voice the tardy spring,  
Bids slumbering zephyr stretch his folded wing,  
Wakes the hoarse cuckoo in his gloomy cave,  
And calls the wondering dormouse from his grave :  
Bids the mute redbreast cheer the budding grove,  
And plaintive ringdove tune her notes to love.”

## THE SECOND EXCURSION,

conducts the tourist through the suburb of

### CLONLIFFE,

a townland, which derived its name, i. e. the plain of the Liffey, from its contiguity to the course of that river, which it bounded to the immediate vicinity of Oxmantown.

Henry the Second, while in Ireland, granted, or it would rather appear confirmed, this denomination to the Cistercian abbey of the Blessed Virgin.

The religious order of the Cistercians was founded towards the latter part of the eleventh century, by Robert, Abbot of Moleme in Burgundy, who, being unable to introduce his rules in his own monastery, retired with a few chosen monks to Citeaux, in the diocese of Chalons. This order, there by him established, soon acquired great eminence; and, in the next century, under the care and labours of the illustrious St. Bernard, Abbot of Clairval, surpassed even the monks of Clugni in their reputation for sanctity and virtue, and, in consequence of the great improvement received from his discipline, the fraternity was distinguished in France and Germany by the title of Bernardin monks.

The fundamental law of the order was the rule of St. Benedict, to which were added many other regulations and injunctions of the severest kinds, for the purpose of maintaining its authority, and enforcing its observance. They are said to have neither worn skins nor any kind of shirts, and to have eaten no flesh, except in sickness, to have abstained also from fish, eggs, milk, and cheese, and to have lain upon straw beds in their tunics and cowls. They



always rose at midnight to prayers, and spent the day in labour, reading, and prayer, observing in all their exercises a continual silence. The habit of a Cistercian monk is a white robe in the form of a cassock, with a black scapulary and hood, and he is girt with a wooden girdle. The nuns of the order wear a white tunic with black scapulary and girdle. At the time of their dissolution they had forty-two religious establishments in Ireland, two of which were nunneries.

About the year 1185, John Earl of Morton granted to the above abbey a charter of confirmation of the lands of Clonliffe, in which the abbey itself was stated to be situated, together with the chapel of Clonliffe. This locality lay, consequently, beyond the bounds of the city jurisdiction and charters. For notices in 1376, see at "Ballybough," and in 1461, see at "Kilmainham."

Clonliffe continued to be part of the possessions of the abbey of the Blessed Virgin down to the time of the dissolution, when, by inquisition of 1541, the abbot of that house was found seised of a messuage, 123A. of arable, 8A. of meadow, and 10A. of pasture lands in the Grange here, annual value £7 6s. 2d., and a mill with the watercourse, annual value 40s. His rights having thereupon vested in the crown, a small portion thereof was granted to James Earl of Desmond in tail male, same being, as the record states, "reputed parcel of the demesne lands" of said monastery. For a notice in 1602, see "Dalkey."

In 1610 Henry King had a grant of the estates of St. Mary's abbey here. In 1614, however, Garrett Viscount Moore was seised of the Grange of Clonliffe, fifteen messuages, fifteen gardens, 260A. arable and pasture, and 80A. of briars,\* for which, together with the above-mentioned water-mill and water-course, he passed patent in 1618, and again in 1640.

The lordship of St. Mary's abbey, and the Grange of Clonliffe subsequently vested in the Gardiner family, and were the object of sundry private acts of parliament, legalizing settlements, leases, and charges thereof. That family, since ennobled in the person of Lord Mountjoy, now Earl of Blessington, still continue pro-

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

prietors of Clonliffe, the general rent of which (building ground excepted) is about £10 per acre.

Hence, crossing the Tolka, the road traverses

DRUMCONDRA,

a village of some interesting associations.

The church, the first object of attention, is a plain edifice, standing on a swelling ground. It was erected by a sister of Doctor Marmaduke Coghill, and contains within it a very handsome monument to his memory. He had been Judge of the Prerogative Court, afterwards a privy councillor, chancellor of the exchequer, commissioner of the revenue, and representative of the University of Dublin in the Irish parliament. It is the only memorial in the church, and represents him sitting in his robes as Chancellor of the Exchequer, while, with a curious impartiality towards Paganism and Christianity, the sculptor has placed at his right hand the statue of Minerva, and at his left that of religion, both in white marble. Sir Marmaduke was born in Dublin in 1673, and died in 1738. A long inscription gives the chronology of his life and his pedigree from the Coghills of Coghill Hall, in Yorkshire.

The surrounding cemetery is crowded with the forgotten multitudes of ages, mouldering into one mass. The ambition for preeminence, even in the grave, labours to exalt the mausoleum of the world's minions above the sod of the peasant; but a few years over, and the very monuments crumble into the clay they were

erected to commemorate and distinguish. There are, however, some sacred relics in this home of the dead, of which an Irish historian cannot be unmindful. Here, in 1791, were deposited the remains of Francis Grose, the antiquarian. He was the son of Mr. Francis Grose, of Richmond, the jeweller who fitted up the crown of George the Second, and died in 1769. The antiquarian was born in 1731, and early in life entered the Surrey Militia, of which he became Adjutant and Paymaster. His extravagance, or rather improvidence, obliged him to resort to other pursuits; and, commencing with the antiquities of England and Wales, and afterwards those of Scotland, he ultimately designed, in 1791, the illustration of Ireland, but died in the onset, in Dublin, of an apoplectic fit. It was to him, while engaged in his labours in Scotland, that Burns alluded in the well-known lines,

“A chief’s amang you taking notes,  
And faith he’ll prent it.”

Near Grose was buried, in 1827, Thomas Furlong, a young man, whose talents, in any other country, would have gained a high reputation. He was one of the principal translators engaged in that national compilation of Mr. Hardiman, “The Irish Minstrelsy.” Here was likewise interred the celebrated actor, Thomas Ryder, who died at Sandymount, in 1791.

In reference to the establishments for education, a union school formerly existed here, founded by Mr. George Purdon Drew, for children of every religious persuasion. It was opened in 1784, but has since

ceased; as has also a Sunday school, designed for young sweeps. There is an existing seminary, however, adapted for the education of 700 poor children of both sexes. It consists of two floors, which being inclined planes, the scholars are always under the superintendence and eyes of the masters. It is well warmed and ventilated. Not more, however, than 164 were on its books when inspected for the objects of this work, (26th May, 1836.) Each pupil pays one penny per week, and no religious distinction is known in the establishment. The master's salary is £50 per annum, the mistress's £30, while a small annual sum, amounting to about £10, is distributed in premiums amongst the scholars.

Of other charitable foundations a widows' alms house and a free school were founded here in 1820 by parochial subscription, and so maintained, but there are only eight widows now upon the foundation, and the free school has been discontinued. Here also is the Retreat, an asylum for the orphan and the widow, the homeless, the aged, and the infirm, under every species of unmerited distress. It was founded in 1814, and is extending its benefits under the charitable care of the Misses Kernan, who procure work for its inmates, the profits of which go to their maintenance and clothing, their lodging and education being gratuitously supplied. There are about twenty women and thirty children on its books.

The large brick house here, called "Belvidere," has long been the residence of the Coghill family; while that on the eastern side of the road was erected

by Primate Rokeby. Opposite the latter, on a by-road that leads into Richmond, is Mr. Williams's seat, Drumcondra Castle, retaining only the name of the fortress that once existed here. At the commencement of this century there were four flour mills in Drumcondra, there is now but one on a very small scale, and a woollen factory which employs about seven grown persons and four children.

The parish is otherwise called Clonturk, alias Kanturk, perhaps most correctly Clon-tolk, that is, the plain of the Tolka, and, the rectory being wholly inappropriate in the corporation of Dublin, ranks as but a curacy in the deanery of Finglas, donative in the Coghill family. In the Catholic dispensation it is in the union of Clontarf. It extends over 1244A. OR. 11P., comprising seven denominations, and a population returned in 1834 as 2713 persons, of whom 1,926 were Roman Catholics. The corporation of Dublin, under the grant before alluded to of the possessions of All Hallows monastery, are the chief proprietors of the fee, which they have leased to various tenants, exempt from the payment of tithes, at the annual rent of £1400. From the poorer occupying tenants an annual rent is reserved of from £5 to £7 per acre, the rent of a cabin being 2s. per week, while the wages of labour is 8s. per week.

"Clonturk" was one of the townlands given by Dermot Mac Murrough to his foundation of All Hallows (see *ante*, at "Bel-doyle,") and so subsequently confirmed by Henry the Second. In 1304 it was demised by the prior and convent of that house to John, the son of Thomas le Marshal, and soon afterwards the Symcock family were settled here.

Archbishop Allen says that the priory of All Hallows, in his time, received here the tithes of three carucates of land, which they enjoyed without the endowment of a vicarage. He also states\* that the church appertained to that religious fraternity, who were at the dissolution found seised of six messuages, six cottages, one hundred and fifty acres of land, four of meadow, thirteen of pasture, two of copse, three of underwood, and a dove-house here.†

In the sixteenth century the residence of John de Bathe, attorney general, and afterwards chancellor of the exchequer of Ireland, was in Drumcondra, where his ancestors had been settled from a very early period. He had then a castle, six messuages, and sixty acres here, which he held by fealty only.

The regal visitation of 1615 reported, that the church (which was dedicated to St. John the Baptist) was utterly ruinous and extinct, and without a curate.

In 1646 Robert Bathe of Clonturk, was one of the confederate Catholics who sat at Kilkenny.

In 1666 James Duke of York, had a grant of the castle, town, and lands of Drumcondra, 200 acres plantation measure, and in the following year Robert Helton passed patent for 323 acres statute measure in Clonturk, to hold for the residue of a lease for ninety-nine years from 1623, made by the city of Dublin to John de Bathe.

In 1700 Chichester Phillips claimed the benefit of a leasehold interest in part of the estate of King James the Second, for which he subsequently passed patent as 240 acres, and of which his heir, William Phillips, was seised in 1748, exempt from the payment of tithes.

Drumcondra was afterwards the residence of Lord Chancellor Bowes. He was a native of England, but followed the profession of the law in this kingdom, and, having passed successively through the offices of solicitor general, attorney general, and lord chief baron, was, on the death of Lord Jocelyn, promoted to the peerage as Baron Bowes of Clonlony, and subsequently appointed lord chancellor. On his death in 1767, the barony of Bowes of Clon-

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\* Reperit. Viride.

† Inquis. xxx. Hen. VIII. in Ch. Rememb. Offic.

lyon became extinct. Drumcondra was immediately afterwards the residence of his successor on the woolsack, Lord Lifford, and subsequently of Primate Rokeby, as before mentioned. In this village was also the seat of the father of the celebrated Michael Kelly, while he was master of the ceremonies at the castle, and the scene of that actor's early life.

At the close of the last century a number of tea houses were erected here for the recreation of the citizens, but the extension of the city in this direction encroached upon the gardens, and amusement having degenerated into licentiousness and intemperance, as is too frequently the case in the popular diversions of Ireland, this resort was discouraged, and ultimately discontinued.

In 1804 Sir William Gleadowe Newcomen bequeathed to the minister and churchwardens of this parish, (where his "honoured father and mother were buried,") and to their successors, a Royal Canal debenture for £100, then bearing interest at 6 per cent. in trust to apply said interest yearly in the purchase of bread and provisions for the poor of said parish.

In 1811 the school, before alluded to as having been designed for seven hundred children, was founded here on a bequest of £5000, given by Miss Kellet of Fordstown, in the county Meath, for that purpose.

In 1812 (Oct. 1) Mr. Sadler ascended hence in his balloon from Belvidere House at one o'clock, and in thirty-five minutes had sight of the mountains in Wales. He continued in the same direction until near three o'clock, when, being nearly over the Isle of Man, the wind blowing fresh, he found himself fast approaching the Welch coast, and at four o'clock had a distinct view of the Skerry lighthouse, and the prospect of consummating his ardent hopes of a speedy arrival in Liverpool. The wind, however, shifting, and night coming on, he precipitated himself into the sea, where, by his direction, a vessel having run her bowsprit through the balloon, he was extricated from the car, and taken on board.

In 1817 the fine level road was formed through this village, amongst the improvements in the different avenues leading into Dublin, effected at the total expense of nearly £19,000, raised by public subscription for the employment of the poor. In the same year the Whitworth Fever Hospital was founded on the adjacent banks of the Royal Canal.

About this village the botanist will find *avena flavescens*, yellow oat grass; *lithospermum arvense*, common gromwell; *anagallis arvensis*, common scarlet pimpernel; *verbascum thapsus*, great mullein; *papaver dubium*, long smooth-headed poppy; *sisymbrium Sophia*, fine-leaved hedge mustard; *geranium Pyrenaicum*, mountain crane's bill; *fumaria officinalis*, common fumitory; *fumaria capreolata*, climbing fumitory, flowering nearly the whole year, with the singular property of its leaves performing the office of tendrils or claspers, turning round whatever object they touch; *tussilago farfara*, colt's foot; *anagallis mas*, male red pimpernel.—On the old walls are seen *glyceria rigida*, hard sweet grass; *lolium perenne*, ray grass; *antirrhinum majus*, great snapdragon; *cheiranthus fruticosos*, wall flower.—In the waste grounds, *carduus acanthoides*, welshed thistle; *euphorbia helioscopia*, sun spurge; *urtica urens*, small nettle, (it is to be observed of this plant, that the Ostiachs, in Siberia, in lieu of flax and hemp, use a kind of cloth made of nettles, for curtains, stuffs, and veils. The ashes of the nettle and thistle are also said to be the best among herbs for bleaching linen;) *atriplex patula*, halbert-leaved orache; *atriplex angustifolia*, narrow-leaved orache.—In the fields, *brassica campestris*, wild naven; *sinapis arvensis*, wild mustard; *crysanthemum segetum*, corn marigold. It deserves remark, that the marigold was so called by the early botanists in the monastic gardens, from the circumstance of its being in blow at the times of all the festivals of the Blessed Virgin.—On the road sides are seen *hor-*



*deum murinum*, wall barley; *cardamine hirsuta*, hairy lady's smock; *achillea ptarmica*, sneezewort, so called because the powder of its dried leaves, when used as snuff, provokes sneezing. The bachelor's button is a variety of this plant.—While in the moist grounds, between a cross road that leads hence to Glasnevin and the river Tolka, grow *spergula nodosa*, knotted spurrey; *cochlearia armoracea*, horse radish; *trifolium fragiferum*, strawberry trefoil; *pyrethrum Parthenium*, common feverfew; *carex pendula*, pendulous sedge; *sagittaria sagittifolia*, arrow head, a beautiful aquatic, flowering in August; the bulb of this species, at the lower part of the root, is a principal part of the food of the Chinese, and is cultivated as such by them.

The road from Drumcondra to Cloghran, though once the great northern avenue, is now neglected and uninviting. From the ascent to Highgate, however, a beautiful retrospective view of the city is presented, with all its steeples and domes, the Dublin and Wicklow mountains forming a fine semicircular termination.

The first locality of importance on this line is

#### SANTRY,

a village of a few cottages, with the glebe-house in the centre, a little off the street.

The church is of an humble order, but neat in the interior, with a belfry of double aperture, according to the fashion of this part of the county. Within it is a fine mural slab of white marble to the memory

of several members of the Domville family from the year 1807, also a monument commemorating various persons of the Jackson family, and another to the Rev. John Bowden, who died minister of this parish in 1776. In the grave-yard, just at the entrance, is a large horizontal stone, carved with ancient sculpture and armorials, intended to mislead inquiry as to the fate of Lord Santry, who in reality, as mentioned hereafter, died in Italy.

There is a school-house here for a few children, erected and partly maintained by the profit rent of the lands of Goulding's farm, containing forty acres, and held for 999 years, as devised by the Rev. Mr. Jackson. The Vicar of Santry for the time being is the trustee of this charity, out of which he pays £6 per annum to the master of the school. Wakefield states the annual income of this charity as £20, arising out of twenty acres of land. About a mile and a half from this is Santry charter-school for boys, to which belong thirty-two acres of ground, held at a rent of £37 6s.; the number on the establishment is at present about ~~thirty-two~~, there being full accommodation for one hundred and fifty.

Sir Compton Domville is the lord of the fee of Santry, and is principally a resident there; the rent charged by him to the occupying tenant averages from three to four guineas per acre on abatements allowed out of higher reserved rents. The grateful testimony of his tenantry is the best criterion that Sir Compton does not abuse this discretionary power, but, it may be remarked, that such is sometimes a

mistaken mode by which Irish landlords conceive they are serving their landholders; instead of establishing fair, permanent reductions of rent, they verbally profess to allow abatements, while the prices of agricultural produce continue depreciated, and the best of them are disposed during that interval to receive the rent so abated; but, if the tenant improves, or begins to look prosperous under this reasonable indulgence, the landlord too frequently considers he is then justified in proportionate exactions, even ultimately to the amount originally reserved. The apprehension of such a result clouds the prospective to the struggling tenant; he becomes indolent and dispirited, wears out the heart of the ground, overwhelms himself with all the embarrassments of mismanagement and improvidence, presents in his whole person and household an appearance of that squalid nature which annihilates self-respect, and finally plunges into all the guilty obliviousness of inebriety. The English feeling of lessening the rent of an improving tenant, it must be confessed, is utterly unknown in Ireland.

The parish of Santry is in the deanery of Swords, and ranks as an entire rectory in the gift of the crown. It comprises 4726A. in seventeen townlands, and had a population in 1834 of 1101 persons, of whom 893 were Roman Catholics, the remainder Protestants. The extent of its rectorial and vicarial tithes has been defined by a parliamentary report of 1824. In the Catholic dispensation it is in the union of Clontarf.

Immediately after the English invasion, Hugh de Lacy gave the lands of Santry, then accounted within his palatinate of Meath, to Adam de Phepoe, whose descendants long continued to inherit this place.

In the middle of the fourteenth century it was demised by Johanna, the daughter of Francis de Phepoe, to Thomas Mareward,\* afterwards Baron of Scrine. In 1435 it is recorded as still of the possessions of the Phepoe family, the manor at that time extending over the lands of Ballymun, Shillok, little Ballycurry, Ballystrawan, &c.,† while, in several documents of the time, it gives its own name to the surrounding barony.

Archbishop Allen states the church here as belonging in his time to the monks of St. Mary's near Dublin. It was dedicated to St. Pappan, of whom Hanmer writes, "There is at Santry, some three miles from Dublin, yearly remembrance of a holy man Pappan, that was born there; he travelled into France, builded there many monasteries, and preferred many men to govern them, became an abbot himself, and departed this life in 1038, and lieth buried at Stabuletum in France where he governed." It is probable the locality was so named from having been the residence of the saint.

On the dissolution, the rectory, with a manse and a glebe, annual value £14 12s. 0d., were found to be appropriate to the abbey of the Blessed Virgin,‡ and were in 1547 surrendered to the crown, by the last abbot of that house. The tithes are subject to a port corn rent, for the nature of which, see "Ballyboghill."

In the sixteenth century the manor of Santry passed from the Marewards, who had previously acquired the fee, to William Nugent, the second son of Richard, eighth Baron of Delvin, who had married Janet, the daughter and heiress of Walter Mareward, Baron of Scrine. James Nugent, the son of this marriage, was Marshal of the confederate Catholic army.

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\* Rot. Pat. 49 Edw. III. in Canc. Hib.

† Rot. Pat. 13 Hen. VI. in Canc. Hib.

‡ Inquis. in Offic. Ch. Rememb., Dub.

From the Nugents it was transmitted to the family of Barry, and accordingly, in 1587, Robert Barnewall was found seised of sixty acres here, which, as the inquisition states, he held of Richard Barry by fealty.\* For a notice in 1602, see "Dalkey."

In 1609 the church was rebuilt, and became the burial-place of many members of the families of Barry and Domville. For a notice in 1611, see at "Cloghran."

The regal visitation of 1615 states William Savage to be then minister of Santry, and that the church was in good repair, but the chancel in ruins. In 1617, Richard Wiberow was promoted by the crown to the vicarage.

In 1629 Andrew Goulding died seised in tail male of two messuages and forty acres here, which he held from Richard Barry by fealty.† Nicholas Hollywood was at the same time seised by similar tenure of sixty acres.‡

In 1641, Luke Netteville and his adherents of the Pale having retreated to Swords, one of Sir Charles Coote's acts of habitual atrocity was exercised here, in the burning of the village, and the slaughter of some rioters, as Leland adds, "without distinction of the innocent and criminal." The remonstrants thus described this transaction: "Some foot companies did march in the night, by the direction of the Lords Justices, to the town of Santry, in Fingal, three miles off Dublin; a country that neither then, nor for the space of four or five hundred years before, did feel what troubles were, or war meant; but it was too sweet and too near, and therefore fit to be forced to arms. In that town innocent husbandmen, some of them being Catholics, and some Protestants taken for Catholics, were murdered in their inn, and their heads carried triumphantly into Dublin. Next morning complaint being made of this, no redress was obtained therein."

In 1653 Richard Barry, of Dublin, Alderman, was lord of this manor, as was recorded on the ancient bells of the church. He was afterwards Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and created Baron of Santry in 1660. For a notice of Santry immediately subsequent to this, and the rights of the Hollywood family therein, see "Artane."

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

‡ Ib.

In 1673 the tithes of corn and hay of various townlands in this parish were granted to the Archbishop of Dublin and his successors, in trust for the incumbent, subject to a rent of £6 per annum. In 1678, the king presented Daniel Jackson to the vicarage.

In 1688 Richard Lord Baron of Santry was attainted in King James's parliament, as was also William Barry, of Santry.

In 1697 the Rev. Richard Cahill was returned as parish priest of Santry and Coolock, and resident at Artane, "in the parish of Finglas."

In 1706 the Rev. Mr. Jackson died incumbent of this parish. It is remarkable, that while his father preceded, his son succeeded him in this living. The latter held it until his death in 1751, and was one of the legatees of the celebrated Dean Swift, who bequeathed to him all his horses and mares, and all his horse furniture; "lamenting," he adds, "that I had not credit enough with any chief governor (since the change of times) to get some additional preferment for so virtuous and worthy a gentleman. I also leave him my third best beaver hat."

In 1782 died Nicholas Gernon, parish priest of Santry, whereupon Andrew Tuite was ordained his successor, by Doctor Luke Fagan, then Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, who, *pro hac vice*, united to this the parishes of Coolock, Clontarf, Drumcondra, Ratheny, Killester, Artane, and Glasnevin.

In 1738 the nobleman before alluded to, who inherited the title of Santry with this locality, forfeited his rank by the murder of one of his own servants. He was at the close of this year indicted and convicted for the offence; but his life was saved by a stratagem of his uncle, Sir Compton Domville, who being proprietor of Templeogue, from which Dublin was at the time exclusively supplied with water, when all interest and intercession failed, avowed his determination to withhold that necessary element, if the last sentence of the law were enforced against his nephew. The threat was effective, and the prisoner's escape connived at. He subsequently died in Italy, whereupon Sir Compton succeeded to his estates.

In 1744 the charter-school was opened here for sixty girls, and was endowed with £50 per annum by the corporation of Dublin. The late Right Honourable Luke Gardiner gave one

acre of land, rent free in perpetuity for its use, and thirty acres more at £1 8s. per annum for 999 years, while Primate Boulter expended above £400 on its erection.

In 1749 the king presented Middleton Cornyn to the "vicarage" of Santry. In 1776 the Rev. John Bowden died rector of this parish, and was succeeded by the Honourable and Reverend James Hewitt. On his death in the following year, Thomas Hastings was promoted to the benefice, and he was succeeded in 1781 by Doctor Thomas Smyth, all these preferments having occurred on royal presentation.

In 1794 the aforesaid Doctor Smyth had a grant of the rectorial tithes of the parish, from the commissioners of his Majesty's revenue, during his incumbency, at the annual rent of £25.

The fee of Santry, has, within the present century, passed to the Scottish family of Pocklington, and in 1815 its present possessor, Sir Compton Pocklington Domville, was created a baronet, his father having, by royal license, assumed the name and arms of his maternal uncle.

After passing through the village, and resuming the northern road, the ancient mansion-house presents itself. It is a square and spacious brick building, of the "olden" architecture with finishings of stone. The principal apartments are of ample dimensions, and contain some fine family portraits. The demesne is adorned with a spacious pond, and some fine old trees, and surrounded by a tall, massy, ivied wall, that could full many a tale unfold of deeds of nightly crime, perpetrated from its covert on the unguarded traveller, in the ages of a less efficient police. The echoes, however, that had been once busied with the shrill whistles of these lawless wood-rangers, were now welcomely responsive to the long and varied harmony of the frequent thrushes.

In reference to its botanic habitats there are

found here *aira cæspitosa*, turfy hair grass; *melica cærulea*, purple melic grass; *bromus erectus*, upright brome grass; *lolium perenne*, ray grass; *triticum repens*, couch grass, that test of badly cultivated or neglected farms; *cardamine hirsuta*, hairy ladies' smock; *lathyrus pratensis*, yellow meadow vetchling; *senecio tenuifolius*, hoary ragwort; *orchis viridis*, frog orchis; *bunium flexuosum*, pig-nut; *luciola campestris*, field wood-rush; *chlora perfoliata*, perfoliate yellow-wort; *rosa arvensis*, white trailing dog rose; *tormentilla reptans*, trailing tormentil.—In the woods, *festuca gigantea*, tall fescue grass, a coarse grass, affording little nutrition to cattle, but its seeds are freely eaten by birds, and this appears to be its chief use; *festuca sylvatica*, slender wood fescue grass; *ulmus suberosa*, cork-barked elm; *sanicula Europæa*, wood sanicle; *viburnum opulus*, guelder rose; *sambucus nigra*, common elder, a neglected but valuable tree in all its component parts—a magazine of physic to rustic practitioners, and whose berries make an excellent domestic wine. It is also said, that if fruit-trees, flowering shrubs, corn, or other vegetables, be whipped with the green leaves of the elder branches, insects will not attach to them. An infusion of these leaves is good to sprinkle over rose-buds and other flowers subject to blights and the devastations of caterpillars. The wood of the old trees is so hard, and takes so fine a polish, that it is often used as a substitute for the box-tree. From its toughness, it suits for the tops of fishing-rods, needles for weaving nets, &c.; while the Romans, according to Pliny,



made pipes and trumpets of it. There are also found here various species of mushroom, as *agaricus clavus*, *agaricus plicatilis*, *agaricus campanulatus*; *chrysosplenium oppositifolium*, opposite-leaved golden saxifrage; *oxalis acetosella*, wood sorrel; *agrimonia eupatoria*, agrimony; *prunus spinosa*, sloe, or black thorn; *rubus Idæus*, raspberry, deriving its classic appellation of Idæus, from its frequency on Mount Ida; *fragaria vesca*, strawberry; *geum urbanum*, common avens; *tilia Europæa*, common lime tree; *anemone nemorosa*, wood anemone, whose blossoms in fine clear weather expand to the sun, but in the evening, or wet weather, are closed, and hang down: it is, however, in some degree poisonous, and has been used in dyeing; *ranunculus auricomus*, goldilocks; *ajuga reptans*, common bugle; *scrophularia nodosa*, knotted figwort; *carex pendula*, pendulous sedge; *carex remota*, remote sedge; *polypodium aculeatum*, prickly polypody; *hypnum cuspidatum*, pointed hypnum.—In the watery places, *epilobium parviflorum*, small-flowered willow herb; *geum rivale*, water avens, the rich combination of whose dark-green wrinkled leaves, with the glowing red-brown of the stem and calyx, and singularly delicate colours of the petals, added to the graceful position of the flowers, render it one of the most picturesque of our native plants; *ranunculus flammula*, lesser spearwort crowfoot; *stachys palustris*, marsh woundwort; *hypericum quadrangulum*, square St. John's-wort; *hypericum perforatum*, perforated St. John's-wort; *hieracium paludosum*, succory-leaved hawkweed; *cnicus palustris*, marsh plume

thistle ; *listera ovata*, common tway blade ; *carex intermedia*, soft sedge ; *carex pendula*, pendulous sedge.—In the meadows, *orchis maculata*, spotted palmate orchis ; *agaricus eburneus*, a species of mushroom, so called, because it has in every state the appearance of ivory.—By the ditches, *valeriana officinalis*, great wild valerian, of the scent of whose root cats are said to be very fond, and to seem intoxicated by it ; *eleocharis palustris*, creeping spike-rush ; *centaurea scabiosa*, greater knapweed ; *smyrniolum olusatrum*, Alexanders ; *ranunculus hederaceus*, ivy crow-foot ; *mentha hirsuta*, hairy mint.—In the hedges, *lonicera perichlymenum*, common honeysuckle ; *vicia sepium*, common bush vetch, a vetch whose nutritive matter consists almost entirely of mucilage and sugar ; the latter, which exists in the nutritive matter of the leaves of all grasses, holds in this species a less proportion ; *hypericum androsæmum*, tutsal ; *hypericum hirsutum*, hairy St. John's-wort ; and on the trunks of the trees, *lichen olivaceus*, olive lichen.

Before reaching Tubber-Bunny, the next locality of any note, a more northerly road shoots out at left by Corbally, anciently the fee of the Hollywood family, and held by the Plunketts and Nugents successively under them, as of the manor of Hollywood. It was a residence of the de la Hoyde family, in the sixteenth and the early part of the seventeenth century. They were also proprietors in free and common soccage of half the townland.\* The fee of the whole afterwards passed to Alderman Richard

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

Barry, before mentioned as proprietor of Santry, who died in 1686, seised thereof in free and common soccage. Near the house is a grotesque castellated lodge.

This road afterwards passes into the townland of Forest, no longer exhibiting those trees of growth that gave it that denomination, but gay with groves of lilac and laburnum, and shaded with hawthorns of every variety. The fields too (12th June) presenting the loveliest carpet of variegated vegetation, the richest green ground spangled with red and white clover, daisies, primroses, and crowfoot, in their gayest attire ; while over all the most elegant and brilliantly coloured of native birds, the goldfinches, were pouring their cheerful songs, and the robins were exulting in the sacred safety which in this country they are welcome to enjoy.

## TOBBER-BUNNY,

otherwise Dardistown, succeeds ; signifying in English, “ the well of milk ; ” and so called from a spring there of peculiar softness, which was analyzed by Dr. Rutty, and is by him stated to be impregnated with a small quantity of an alkaline salt, combined with a calcareous matter and a pittance of sulphur. Here is a little village of scattered houses, “ few and far between.”

The Taylors were in the fourteenth century possessed of a great part of this denomination, of which Richard Foster obtained a grant after the forfeitures of 1641.

## CLOGHRAN,

the next locality, is a rectory in the deanery of Swords, and from an early period appropriated to the economy of St. Patrick's. It extends over 1579A., 3R., 34P., comprised in four townlands, with a population, returned in 1831 as 541 persons, of whom 475 were Roman Catholics. Its tithes have been compounded for at £184 12s. 3d., per annum. Mr. Foster, an absentee, is the chief proprietor in the parish. Land within it is let at from £3 to £4 per acre, the wages of labour being, to those constantly employed seven shillings per week, to occasional labourers eight shillings.

The church is situated on the high, stony steep that seems to have suggested the name of this Irish denomination, commanding most extensive prospects. Its belfry rises from the gable, and has three perforations. Near it is the glebe house, with four acres of glebe attached, for the purchase of which the Board of First Fruits gave £400 in 1809, and contributed a like sum for building the glebe house, exclusive of a loan of £392, for the latter purpose.

In the hollow, at the foot of the rock on which the church was built, a vein of lead and copper ores has been discovered, and worked for a short time. Beside it runs a little rivulet, the same that washes Kinsaly, and empties itself into the sea below Portmarnock.

The church appears to have been dedicated to St. Doulogh, the

son of Amalgad, whose festival is kept on the 17th of November. At a remote period it was enumerated amongst the dependencies of Swords, and, even in the time of Archbishop Allen, the vicar of Swords enjoyed the right of sepulture of all persons dying in this parish.\* It was commonly called "Cloghran-Swords," to distinguish it from Cloghran by Hiddart, hereafter mentioned.

In the time of Henry the Second, according to Hanmer, Biryd, the son of Owen Gwynneth, Prince of Wales, was Lord of Cloghran, and it does appear by a close roll in the Tower of London, that in 1222 Richard styled of "Wales" gave homage, fealty, and relief to the king for six carucates of land, with the appurtenances, in Cloghran and Ballybren. In a roll of 1224 this Welch proprietor is again recognized, but he is there named Roderick. He had also the advowson of the church of Cloghran, which was in 1294 rated to the First Fruits as a distinct church, at four marks yearly.

In the earlier part of the fourteenth century the Staunton family were the proprietors of this denomination, one of them, Thomas Staunton, having married Johanna, a descendant of the before-mentioned Welchman, and having got his title confirmed by grant from Robert de Vere, Marquis of Dublin. Accordingly in 1387, Thomas Staunton and Johanna his wife, had license to lease one messuage and one hundred and forty acres here for lives, reserving, therefore, for the first thirteen years, the service of a rose on St. John's day, and an acreable rent of two shillings for every ensuing year.\* A scion of this ancient Norman family, it may be remarked, was transplanted to Cork in the year 1310, whence it immediately extended itself into Connaught. Later in the fourteenth century it was a name of tenure in this county and in Kildare; in the fifteenth the Stauntons were of high consequence in the counties of Meath and in the sixteenth and seventeenth are found in the counties of Clare, Kerry, Kilkenny, and Galway. At the close of the fourteenth century Cloghran passed from their possession to the Taylors, and accordingly in 1399, William Taylor, chaplain, assigned all his rights in one hundred and forty acres of this townland, one hundred and eighty acres in Corbally and

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\* Repertorium Viride.

† Rot. in Canc. Hib.

Toberbunny, parcel of the manor of Cloghran, to trustees for certain terms and uses, with reversion to himself. He afterwards conveyed this property absolutely to the Hollywoods.

Archbishop Allen, in the *Repertorium Viride*, states this rectory as of the patronage of "the heirs of Hollywood, to wit, Barnewall and Nugent jointly and not alternately;" but adds, that the vicar of Swords had the sepulture of all dying within this parish. For more particular information as to the rights of that vicar, see "*Swords*," ad ann. 1489.

In 1539 the rectory of Cloghran was rated to the First Fruits at £10 0s. 7d. Irish, while an inquisition of 1547 defines the extent and value of the economy tithes here, which in 1583 the dean and chapter of St. Patrick's demised as "the tithes of corn, hay, and furze of Cloghran-Swords," for sixty-one years, at the annual rent of £2 6s. 8d.

In 1611 Christopher Nugent had a grant of one hundred and seven acres here, and other premises, sixty-eight acres in Curragh, sixty-eight acres in the Rath of Killossery, six acres near Santry, twenty acres near Coolock wood, &c., all being parcel of the estate of John Burnell attainted. In 1614 Christopher Seagerson and Walter Archbold were seised of a moiety of the town and lands of Cloghran, containing four messuages and one hundred and forty acres, which they held of the king in capite, by knight's service.\* Archbold's portion was forfeited by his heir, Rowland Archbold, in 1641.

The regal visitation of 1615 reports the annual value of this church as £24, and that its minister was James Keegan. In 1617 Nicholas Meyler was promoted by the crown to the rectory, as was Alexander Hatfield in 1640.

In 1668 the tithes of Kilbride, Ballymore, and Cloghran-Swords, were demised for twenty-one years, at the annual rent of £6.

In 1669 Arthur, Viscount Ranelagh, died seised in free and common soccage of half Cloghran, defined as containing 190A. 2R. 20P., the other moiety being, it would appear, then vested in Richard Barry, who died seised thereof by similar tenure in 1686.

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

In 1674 the king presented Michael Hewetson to the rectories of Cloghran and Swords, in which he was succeeded by Garrett Barry in 1680, and this latter by Henry Scardeville in 1681.

In 1685 the tithes of Cloghran were reported to be of the yearly value of £3, and in 1705 of £5 per annum. For a notice at 1697, see "Swords."

In 1710 the king presented Richard Bambrick to this rectory, in 1723 promoted John Wynne to the same, as also the following successive incumbents:—Joseph Davies in 1762, Mark Wainwright in 1780, Edward Synge in 1781, John Baird in 1782, Wm. Lyster in 1804, and within the last few years Mr. Lewis, the present incumbent.

Before leaving Cloghran it is to be observed, that the road, which ascends to the church, follows thence a retired, rural course in view of Feltrim, through the village of Baskins, by Clonshaugh, or as more descriptively termed in ancient deeds, Glynshaugh, where was once a church, which Pope Clement the Third confirmed in 1189 to the abbey of the Blessed Virgin; thence by a grotesque old brick edifice, called Woodlands, now occupied by a Mr. Jervis, and through a very pretty defile having at left Shrubs' Hill, the highly ornamented seat of Mr. White, by Artane, and so into the city.

The resumed course of this excursion from Cloghran into Swords exhibits much natural beauty, passing over two hills and descending into the intermediate valleys, while the elevation commands splendid views of Howth, Feltrim Hill, Carrick Hill, Lambay, and all the azure circuit of sea; Swords and its interesting ruins in front, apparently in a hollow, Brackenstown and its winding stream at left, and the elevated plains

of the northern part of this county in the remote perspective.

All the preceding localities being situated in the barony of Coolock, the tourist, in his approach to Swords, here enters

#### THE BARONY OF NETHERCROSS,

which seems to have derived its name from comprising the principal part of the Croceæ, or cross lands, lying in the northern portion of the county, and presents the singular appearance, that such a circumstance must have (as before observed) necessitated, of six component districts distinctly insulated in other baronies.

The whole barony, according to the survey of 1824, contains four parishes and parts of two others, civilly subdivided into 105 townlands, assessed to the ancient subsidies as 13,610 acres, of which 1012 were then accounted as waste. The parishes stated are those of Swords, Portrane, Clonmethan, Finglas, and parts of Lusk and Killossery. The surface of this barony is level, the soil rich, entirely resting upon limestone, and the inhabitants occupied wholly in agricultural pursuits, especially tillage, for which the barony, being remote from the capital, is peculiarly appropriated. Ortelius's map places in this part of the county the ancient family of the Taylors, of whom a more particular account shall be given at "Swords."

The lands forfeited herein in 1641 were returned as 8237 acres



profitable, and 105 unprofitable, old Irish measure, while the commons, between forfeited and unforfeited lands, were set down as 392 acres, and the glebe and church lands as 1759 acres. For a further notice of the church lands in this barony, see at that of "Coolock" in 1667.

The first locality, that occurs in Nethercross, is

#### SWORDS,

a small but very ancient town, of about 330 houses, and a population of 1727 persons, as returned in 1824. It is situated about seven Irish miles from the metropolis, consists chiefly of one long wide street, and was a borough in the Irish parliament, to which it returned two members, the elective franchise being in the resident householders. The Anchor Inn, which was the scene of the election contests on these occasions, still attracts the eye of the traveller by its ancient aspect.

"The remains of the buildings at present to be seen here," says Bell, "are chiefly of the pointed gothic order, but from its appearance it must have been one of the earliest specimens after its introduction into Ireland. The arches, as was usual at that early period, are of a mixed style, some circular, others pointed, but generally of rude workmanship. The present walls enclose an area of great extent, and several parts indicate that they were founded as much for strength and protection as for any other purpose. They were strongly fortified with towers, and their exterior presents an embattled front, of an imposing appearance, and from the constant ravages which this

abbey suffered from their Danish neighbours, it is evident these fortifications were not uncalled for." Here is also a round tower, with a perfect conical top, on which, however, triumphant Christianity has planted the cross. It is considered one of the plainest of these interesting structures, is calculated to be seventy-three feet high, and stands about fifty feet distant from the church. In the instance of this tower, as in others, there is no projecting base, or if there should be, it is buried beneath the surface of the earth. Like a specimen at Brechin, in Scotland, described by Mr. Gordon, it "seems to shoot out of the ground like a tree." The era and design of these edifices shall be more particularly treated of at the locality of "Rathmichael."

The situation of this little town is exceedingly picturesque, and is best observed from the churchyard in which stand the ivied round tower, the square belfry of the old abbey beside it, (commanding from its summit a most extensive view,) and a neat, new church of cut stone in the pointed style, unfortunately, however, constructed of the materials and on the site of the ancient abbey. Over the communion-table of this church, is a painting of the leper cured in the pool of Bethsaida, while the window above it exhibits, in painted compartments, figures of Moses, Malachi, Ezekiel, Hosea, and Jeremiah. There are mural monuments near the communion table, one to Doctor Scardeville, Dean of Cloyne, who died in 1703, and to some members of his family; another to Doctor Owen, Dean of Clonmacnoise, who died in 1761;

and a third to Christopher Hewetson, who died in 1694, Dean of Christ Church and Vicar of Swords. On the floor, at the foot of the communion-table, is a tombstone of the date of 1587, to the memory of James Blackney and Elizabeth Taylor his wife. There is also a mural slab near the entrance of the church to Captain Berkeley, who died in 1803. In the graveyard is a small but apparently a very ancient cross, but no sepulchral monuments worthy of notice, with the exception of one ancient stone commemorative of the Taylor family.—Close to the church is the glebe-house, with a glebe of 33A. 2B. 20P.\* contiguous.

Descending from the church, by a fine old village elm encircled with a seat of sodded stones, once sacred to village gaiety and gossiping, and crossing the little stream that waters this town, the visitor approaches the embattled enclosure which yet presents considerable remains of the archiepiscopal palace, and of the old chapel dedicated to St. Columb, the warder's walk round the castle walls, and several watch towers. On the line of the walls, at one side is the outer gable of a building, popularly said to have been that in which parliaments have been assembled. Its window is very remarkable for the mullions and casements, which are all of a red sandstone unknown in this country. The whole interior of the edifice, as also of several others which were included in the ex-

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\* It may be remarked, that the acreable contents of glebes, manors, and forfeited estates, are stated throughout this work in the ancient Irish measure, in respect to the documents which so respectively report them.

isting walls, have been removed, and the circumscribed area cultivated as an orchard. In front of the castle is the village draw-well, beside which are the stocks, intended for the refractory portion of the seneschal's subjects, but now the usual roost of the village poultry. South of the main street is the Roman Catholic church, built about the year 1827, and having a conspicuous steeple seventy feet high.

Four annual fairs are held in this town, but no market. Several houses still exhibit ancient escutcheons of inns, the Harp, the Anchor, the Black Bull, and above all the Royal Oak, with King Charles blazing in scarlet and gold through its ill furnished branches, and a whole regiment bivouacking at its foot. But these fair, outward signs, are but deceptive heralds as to any accommodation or entertainment within. The commons here comprised about 100 acres, while those at Drynam, within the liberties, contained twenty. Great encroachments, however, have taken place on both, and but a small proportion now remains unenclosed. The population of the town was in 1821 calculated as 1727, and in 1831 as 2537, the number of its houses was on the latter occasion stated as 484. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Cobbe of Newbridge are its chief proprietors. The liberty of the manor comprises 1227 acres of the old Irish measure, extending over the townlands of Bealingstown, New Grange, Loughmartin, Brownstown, Rathlucastown, Santerstown, *alias* Saucerstown, Rickanhore, Seatown, Rogerstown, Parnelstown, Lusk, Lispobel, Swords, Rollestown, &c.

The parish, in which it is situated, bears its name, constitutes a prebend in St. Patrick's cathedral, and has been assessed to the ancient subsidies, and consequently under the road acts as 3535 acres, comprised in thirty-seven townlands. Its population, exclusive of the town, was returned as 1185 persons. The rectory is impropriate, one-third in the prebendary of Swords, one in its vicar, and the other third in the economy of St. Patrick's. The vicarage has been episcopally united since 1810 to the curacies of Killeigh and Killossery, the patronage being in the Archbishop of Dublin. The vicarial tithes of this have been compounded for at £252 per annum, while it is also to be observed, that the vicar has the control of the rents of the lands of the economy of St. Patrick's and their other possessions here, subject to the trust mentioned hereafter at the year 1431. He accounts annually for this fund to the Archbishop of Dublin. The prebendary has £102 annually, the rent reserved on 380A. of excellent land, held together with his portion of the tithes of the parish by Sir Samuel Synge Hutchinson, under a lease for twenty-one years. The Down Survey and other ancient documents refer a portion of this parish to the barony of Coolock, but the survey and valuation return of 1824 classes it wholly in Nethercross. It was once a rural bishopric, and still gives its name to a deanery. The Roman Catholic union comprises the parishes of Swords, Malahide, and Lusk, having within its extent a chapel at each of those places, and a chapel of ease at Balheary. The fee in this parish principally belongs

to the see of Dublin. The acreable rent varies from two to three guineas, while a cabin without land is usually let for £2 10s. per annum. The number of labourers in the whole Protestant union has been stated as about 700, of whom two-thirds get constant, and the remainder occasional employment; the wages of the former class being about seven shillings, that of the latter eight shillings per week. The lands are principally used in tillage. Fibrous malachite, of a grass-green colour, is met with here, as also copper-green, partly massive, partly disseminated, of various shades of green; and specimens of amethyst found in this neighbourhood, are in the museum of the Dublin Society.

According to the Annals of the Four Masters, one of the companions of Heremon founded a fortress here, called the High Rath of Swords.

In 512 the church is said to have been founded by St. Columbkille, who gave it a missal, written by himself; the edifice was accordingly dedicated to him; there were, besides, within the town, three chapels, one dedicated to St. Finian, which, with its adjoining cemetery, was situated on the south side, near to the vicar's manse, on the road to Furrows; one to St. Catherine, within the parochial church; while St. Brigid's chapel was on the north side of the town, adjoining to the prebendary's glebe, and not far from the gates of the old palace. The latter had two burgages attached to it, and near it was an ancient cross, called "Pardon Cross." Traces are also to be found upon record, of a chapel dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, within the church of Swords, to which Hugo Blackton, Archdeacon of Dublin, was a benefactor in 1486.\* Here, likewise, was a nunnery and a holy well.

In 1012 Swords was burned by the Danes, and again in 1016.

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\* Mason's Hist. of St. Patrick's Cathedral, p. 49.

After the battle of Clontarf, the bodies of Brian Boromhe and his son Morrough, were conveyed in solemn procession hither, where they were deposited the first night amidst the prayers and chauntings of the fraternity. The funeral proceeded on the following day to Duleek, whence the monks of that establishment conducted the bodies to their sepulchral destination at Armagh.

In 1020 the abbey was destroyed by fire.

In 1028 died Fitz Patrick O'Flaherty, Bishop of Swords.

In 1035 Sitric, the Danish King of Dublin, having devastated Ardbraccan, Conor O'Melaghlin, in retaliation laid waste Swords, "the city of Columb-kille."\*

In 1069 the town was greatly injured by fire, and again in 1130, 1138, 1150, and 1166, while in 1135 it was sacked, and nearly depopulated by O'Melaghlin, King of Meath; the sacrilege was, however, avenged by the people of Lusk, who slew O'Melaghlin. Immediately after the English invasion, Swords was granted to the see of Dublin, and so still continues annexed thereto. In 1182 the Pope confirmed it to the Archbishop of Dublin with its church and appurtenances, as previously granted by Prince John, a right which Pope Innocent farther ratified in 1216. For a notice in 1227, see "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

In 1191 Archbishop Comyn granted to St. Patrick's church the tithes of all his mills, except those of Swords, which he had previously given to the monastery of Grace Dieu. The prebend of Swords was then one of the thirteen canonries annexed to St. Patrick's, as is recited in a Bull of Pope Celestine the Third, and Walter Comyn, most probably a relative of the archbishop, was its prebendary. It afterwards obtained the name of the golden prebend in consequence of its great value, arising out of considerable demesnes and tithes issuing from a large and fertile district.

In 1192 a patent was granted to the Archbishop of Dublin for an annual eight-day fair in the town of Swords, on the feast of St. Columb-kille, and in 1197 King Richard granted a charter to this place, by which each burgess was to pay for his burgrave twelve

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\* Annals of the Four Masters.

pence annually. For a notice in 1227, see the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

In 1290 Archbishop Luke allotted to the vicar of Swords the small tithes of the lands within the manor, with the obventions and altarages. In 1306 the prebend was valued at £40, and the vicarage at £5, and in 1326 an inquisition was taken as to the extent of the manor. In the following year the Archbishop of Dublin had a confirmation of his rights herein, as also in 1394 from King Richard during his sojourn in Dublin. In 1396 the celebrated William of Wykeham held this prebend, then taxed to the First Fruits at ninety marks, together with eleven benefices in England. He was afterwards Bishop of Winchester.

In 1375 died Peter de Lacy, rector and prebendary of Swords, in remembrance of whom a monument and a brass effigy have been erected in the church of North Fleet, Kent. In 1378 the king confirmed the right of the Archbishop of Dublin to this manor.

In 1386 John Netterville, Vicar of Swords, and Robert Cruce, prebendary thereof, had license to go into England, without incurring any diminution of their tithes under the penalties against absentees. In the following year the latter dignitary had a special permission from Robert de Vere, Marquis of Dublin, entitling him to export for sale, corn and fish appertaining to his prebend, to England, Wales, Bayonne, Bourdeaux, or Portugal. For a notice in 1387, see "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin" at that year.

In 1397 a chapel was dedicated, within the church of Swords, to the Holy Trinity, and endowed by a person of the name of Brown with a messuage, a garden, and four acres of ground in Rogerstown, for the pious celebration of his anniversary. In the same year John de Melton, clerk, preferred a petition to the privy council of England, claiming right to the prebend of Swords, of which John Taaffe had, as he alleged, possessed himself by force of bulls apostolic, although the same appertained to the patronage of the Archbishop of Dublin, and had become void by the death of Walter Bruges, the last prebendary.

In 1411 the king granted to John Tanner, the prebend of St. Columb of Swords in the cathedral of St. Patrick's.\* In 1418

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\* Rot. Claus. 12 Hen. IV. in Canc. Hib.



Walter Prendergast, Vicar of the church of St. Columb of Swords, being sued for two-thirds of the profits of his benefice, valued at five marks per annum, and forfeited by the act of absentees, pleaded the king's letters of license, and was accordingly released from the penalty.

In 1423 Brande, Cardinal of Placentia, was nominated by the king to the prebend of Swords, and a writ was directed to the archbishop, commanding him to assign to the cardinal a stall in the choir, and a voice in the chapter, and another likewise to the dean and chapter. In 1431 this prebend, which had been, as observed, called the golden prebend, was divided into three portions; one being assigned to the prebendary, another to the vicar, and a third to the economy of St. Patrick's cathedral, who were to maintain therewith six minor canons and six choristers, the residue to be expended in furnishing lights, in repairs, and in defraying other necessary expenses. This appropriation was confirmed by act of parliament in 1467.

In 1461 Thomas Pollard, Vicar of Swords, had license to absent himself from his parish for one year without incurring any forfeiture of his tithes.

A return of a jury at Swords in 1465, finds that "the Archbishop of Dublin takes wrecks of the sea and weym, holds pleas de vetito namio, hues and bloodshed, holds Englishmen in prison, and levies fines on them, has the correction of bread and beer, and the ell weight, bushel, and gallon, by the king's standard and under his seal, holds all pleas in his court, except forestal, rape, arson, treasure-trove, has his own coroners, &c. within his liberties."

In 1474 a parliamentary grant of twenty shillings per annum was made to Dame Eleanora, Prioress of the nunnery of Swords, and her successors.

In 1484 Doctor Walton, Archbishop of Dublin, being blind and in an infirm state of health, voluntarily resigned his dignity, and reserved to himself for a maintenance the manor of Swords during his life, which reservation was confirmed to him by act of parliament in the following year.

In 1489, after full hearing of a cause between the vicar of Swords and the dean and chapter of St. Patrick's, the Archbishop of Dublin made a final decree, whereby he decided that the vicar

and his predecessors had always possessed the altarages of the parish of Swords and crofts of the same, with half the mortuaries, the wax and offerings of persons dying in the parishes of Malahide, Killossery, and Cloghran, also the tithes, great and small, of the whole demesne of Sederton and Crucefield, parcel of said demesne of little Furrow, and of the whole parish of Kinsaly.

In the sixteenth century there were five exterior chapels subservient to the mother church of Swords: 1st, Kinsaly already spoken of; 2nd, Lispobel near Clonmethan; 3rd, Killeigh, which Allen calls the most stately of all the chapels of Swords; 4th, Killester; and 5th, Malahide. It had also, in more ancient times, four other subservient chapelries, which are now independent parishes: 1st, Cloghran-Swords; 2nd, Dunabate; 3rd, Balgriffin; and 4th, Coolock. The registry of this monastery was in existence in the time of Ware, and is cited by him.

In 1530 the vicar of Swords was entitled to all burial fees of persons dying within the parish. For a notice in 1533, see at "Grace Dieu."

In 1535 Edward Bassenet was, on the death of Richard Fitz Simons, promoted to this benefice, then in the gift of the crown, the see of Dublin being vacant by the murder of Archbishop Allen. In 1539 this prebend was taxed to the First Fruits at £32 14s. 0d., and the vicarage at £22 6s. 8d. Irish.

In 1541 the Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey was by inquisition found seised of a close in the lands of Swords, extending from the highway from Swords to Lissenhall on the east, to the rivulet called the ringwater on the west, from the road leading from the street of Swords to a passage across the said rivulet, called Scottstones, on the south, and to the fields called the Spittle Acre on the north, comprising about two acres of land, and held under the see of Dublin by fealty and suit of court.

In 1547 the Archbishop of Dublin, with the consent of his chapters, had license to convey to Robert Eustace, prebendary of Mullaghiddart and others, the office of constable of his castle and manor of Swords, whenever it should become vacant by the death of Thomas Fitz Simons of Swords, the profits and those of other detailed premises to be received by the trustees, to the use of Patrick Barnewall of Grace Dieu, Esq., in fee. In the same

year an inquisition was taken as to the extent and value of this prebend, when it was found to possess the demesne called the Court of Lissenhall, containing an orchard, a garden, 150 acres of land, together with sundry cottages and gardens, eight cottages in Swords, with eight acres of arable land, and eight gardens, together with the tithes of certain townlands, and the altarages, (the oblations of all being left to the vicar.) See also a notice of Swords in the same year, at "Malahide." By a subsequent inquisition it was found, that the priory of St. John the Baptist, of Dublin, was seised of a messuage and thirty acres of land in the townland of Rathengle, near Swords. The religious house of Grace Dieu was also seised of thirty acres here, called Francumsland. The petit canons of St. Patrick's had a portion of the tithes called the Burgage tithes, the precise extent of which was ascertained in 1657, by survey, directed by the parliamentary commissioners, but those have been since relinquished. The vicars choral of St. Patrick's were also entitled to certain tithes here; and the prior of Holmpatrick was seised of four tenements with their gardens and eight acres of land in the town of Swords, which were, with other possessions of that house, granted to Thomas Fitz Williams.

In 1554 Queen Mary presented Arthur St. Leger to this rectory, void by the death of John Derrick, and then in the gift of the crown by reason of the see being vacant. In 1564 Doctor Daly, Bishop of Kildare, held the vicarage with other preferments in commendam.

In 1578 the queen issued a mandate for the better establishing of the corporation of Swords, and to make known the limits and bounds of the franchises and liberties thereof, and commissioners were thereupon appointed to settle the boundaries, two miles on every side from the town. The town was then accounted according to ancient records, one of the "walled and good towns" of the county.

In 1585 Swords sent its first members to parliament, burgages having been assigned to its burgesses at twelve pence yearly payable out of each. In recurring to this parliamentary assemblage it is worthy to be noted, that it was the first that had any claim to be called Irish, the first that extended beyond the limits of the

English pale, the first that embraced the interests, and cherished the feelings of the ancient, as well as of the new inhabitants of Ireland.

In 1598 the parsonage was demised for sixty years at the rent of £44 per annum.

In 1613 William Blakeney and John Fitz Simons were the representatives for the borough of Swords, in the parliament that abolished the baneful distinction of English subjects and Irish enemies, which so long biassed the administration of justice, and fomented national disunion. The measure would have acted most beneficially, if the more unholy distinctions of recusant and loyalist, Catholic and Protestant, introduced in the time of James, were not upheld as substitutes for national animosities.

The regal visitation of 1615 values the vicarage of Swords at 100 marks, Christopher Hewetson being then its vicar, and prebendary of Howth; while it states the prebend of Swords to be worth £100 per annum.

In 1620 George Taylor died seised of 90A. in Swords, called Francumsland, which had been parcel of the possessions of the monastery of Grace Dieu, twenty-two messuages, and 160A., Marshallstown, 40A., Greenock, two messuages and 100A.\* For a notice in 1621, see the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin," at that time.

In 1637 Sir Edward Bolton had a demise for forty-three years of the prebend of Swords, the court, town and lands of Lissenhall, all the tithes thereof, and all the tithes and glebe lands belonging to said prebend, from the Archbishop.

Here, in 1641, the first Irish army of the pale assembled, preparatory to the commencement of that civil war which desolated the land. (See *post*, at "Corballis.") Amongst those who attended on this occasion, were Luke Netterville of Corballis, George Blackney of Rickenhore, George King of Clontarf, Christopher Hollywood of Artane, John Talbot, Richard Goulding, Thomas Russell, Christopher Russell, Patrick Caddell, William Travers, Richard Barnewall, Laurence Bealing, &c. This assembly took place on the ninth of December, and on the following day the

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Justices issued their warrant, commanding them "to separate on sight thereof, and that nine of the principal persons so assembled should appear before them at the Council Board, by ten of the clock the next morning, to shew the cause of their assembling together in that manner." To this warrant they returned an answer, on the same day, to the following effect: "That they were constrained to meet there for the safety of their lives, which they conceived to be in no small danger, having been forced to forsake their dwellings on the last Tuesday at night, by the rising out of horse troops and foot companies, who, on the said night, killed four Catholics for no other reason but because they bore the name of that religion, and that they had been before put into many fears by certain intelligence given them of unexpected attempts against their lives. Wherefore they desired ardently to be in some certain way assured by their Lordships of the safety of their lives, before they ran the hazard thereof, which was the only motive that hindered them from manifesting that obedience which they knew to be due to their Lordships' commands."\* In consequence of which, Sir Charles Coote was sent hither by the Lords Justices with such forces as could be spared. "He found the access to the village straitly blocked up, yet so managed the attempt as he soon forced them to flight, beating them out of their fortifications, and killed two hundred of their men, without any considerable loss on his side, more than Sir Lorenzo Carey, second son of the Lord Falkland, late lord deputy, a gentleman of excellent and ingenious parts, well-principled, and one whose virtues and resolution promised much happiness to the state. After settling of which place Sir Charles Coote returned to Dublin."†

In the ensuing forfeitures Walter Jordan lost 41*l.* in this parish, John Cadell, 9*l.*, George Blackney, a mansion-house, a water-mill, sundry messuages, and 200*l.*, Christopher Russell, 335*l.*, Richard Goulding, 100*l.*, Laurence Bealing, 300*l.*, and John Taylor, the mansion-house of Swords, and upwards of 300*l.*, in its vicinity.

In 1642 John Taylor and George Blackney, Esqrs., the sit-

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\* Curry's *Histor. Rev. B. v. C.* xiv.

† Borlase's *Irish Insurrection*, p. 71.

ting members of parliament for Swords, were removed from the house, by the puritan party, on account of their attachment to the king's cause.

In 1668 John Taylor was found to have a mansion-house, twenty messuages, and 190A. of land in Swords, and sundry other lands in this county, of which he died seised in 1680.\*

In 1666 Sir George Lane had a grant of 40A., plantation measure, here, as had the Archbishop of Dublin in the following year, of Jordan's land in Swords, 41A., forfeited in 1641 by Walter Jordan, and of Talbot's land in Swords, 50A., like measure, with various other lands in augmentation of the see. For a notice in 1674, see "Cloghran."

In 1675 the celebrated Andrew Sall obtained the prebend of Swords, with other preferments. He was born at Cashel, in the county Tipperary, and educated from his infancy in the Roman Catholic faith. In 1639 he was sent abroad to complete his studies, and became Professor of Controversy in the College of Salamanca, and afterwards Professor of Divinity at Pampeluna, Placentia, and Tudela, having been previously admitted into the society of the Jesuits, among whom he took the fourth vow, and was made Professor of Moral Theology in their college at Salamanca. At length, being remanded to Ireland, with the title of Superior of the mission of the Jesuits in that country, about the year 1673 he retired to Cashel, "desiring," as he says himself in the preface to one of his works, "to spend the remnant of his days unknown, to prepare better for the long day of eternity." At this very time, however, under the instrumentality of Dr. Price, the Protestant Archbishop of that province, he conceived and avowed in writing the intention of conforming to the communion of the Established Church. In May, 1674, he made a public declaration of such his conformity in the church of St. John at Cashel, and in July following preached in Christ Church, Dublin, before the Earl of Essex, on the reasons of his change of faith. While in Dublin, he was lodged in Trinity College, and was there admitted to the degree of Doctor of Divinity, when he published a Thesis, containing two conclusions touching the main points in controversy be-

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tween the two churches; *first*, that out of the Roman Church there was a safe way for salvation, and *second*, that the way of the Church of England was safer to salvation than that of the Church of Rome. In 1675 he went to Oxford, and there also was created a Doctor of Divinity, and in 1677 was domestic chaplain to King Charles, about which time several works of controversy were published against him, to which he replied in a work entitled, "True Catholic and Apostolic Faith maintained in the Church of England," which he dedicated to Lord Essex. Soon afterwards "he was rewarded," writes Dr. O'Connor,\* "with the prebend of Swords, the rectory of Ardmulchan, and the chantorship of Cashel; and he, who would have died a beggar had he remained a Catholic, lived to 1682 in affluence purchased by the trade of religion." He resided at Cashel to the time of his death, which occurred in April, 1682, in the 70th year of his age. He was buried in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Dublin.

In 1681 the archbishop decided what should be paid to the curate of Swords for serving the cures of its chapels, having previously appointed a commission of inquiry to ascertain the real value of its tithes, as before-mentioned at "Malahide."

In 1683 George Viscount Lanesborough died, seised in free and common soccage of forty acres here.† For a notice in 1685, see "Turvey." In 1689 Viscount Beamont of Swords was one of those attainted in King James's parliament. In the same year that monarch renewed the charter of this borough, on which occasion Gerald Dillon, Esq., Prime Serjeant, was to be its portreeve, with thirty-one burgesses, amongst whom appear the names of five Barnewalls, three Russells, John Stanley, Matthew Caddel, John Taylor, &c.

In 1697 Mr. Christopher Walsh was returned as parish priest of Swords, Cloghran, and Kinsaly, resident in Swords, and having Mr. John Jones as his curate.

In 1700 the Archbishop of Dublin claimed an estate in fee in Seatown, and various lands in and about the town of Swords, as forfeited by Bartholomew Russell, and granted to the see of Dub-

\* Catalog. Biblioth. Stow. v. i. p. 270.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

lin. His claim was, however, postponed, he being a petitioner before the house of commons, but these lands were afterwards granted to the see.

In 1703 Dean Scardeville bequeathed a sum of money, for the support of a school in this parish for the children of poor Protestants. The charity was sought to be recovered in 1779 by bill in chancery, but the suit was abandoned. In 1719 Archdeacon Hewetson granted to the incumbent of Swords and his successors for ever, "all that and those the lands whereon the mill stands, together with the said mill, for the sole use and support of a schoolmaster licensed by the Archbishop of Dublin and his successors from time to time for this parish," but neither has this endowment ever been so applied.

In a lease of the prebendal lands of Swords in 1721, there is a special reservation of the benefit of the chancel and of the tithes of twenty acres glebe land assigned to the vicar. There is a document of the year 1744 extant, defining the respective endowments of the prebendary and vicar of Swords, to which a map of the demesne lands is annexed.

In 1786 the act was passed, alluded to at "Malahide," for the extension of a navigable canal from that town through Swords to the river of Fieldstown.

In 1793 the Rev. James Verschoyle, afterwards Bishop of Killala, was the incumbent of Swords.

In this borough, of notorious fame in the annals of bribery and corruption, the right of election was at this time vested in the Protestant inhabitants six months resident previous to the election. A writer, under the name of "Falkland," thus humorously describes its political aspect in 1790.

"General Massey some time since cast a longing eye on this borough, which he considered as a common open to any occupant, and, to secure the command of it to himself, he began to take and build tenements within its precincts, in which he placed many veteran soldiers, who, having served under him in war, were firmly attached to their ancient leader. Mr. Beresford, the first commissioner of the revenue, who has a sharp look out for open places, had formed the same scheme with the General of securing this borough to himself, and a deluge of revenue officers was poured



forth from the Custom-house to overflow the place, as all the artificers of the new Custom-house had before been exported in the potato-boats of Dungarvan to storm that borough. The wary general took the alarm, and threatened his competitor, that, for every revenue officer appearing there, he would introduce two old soldiers, which somewhat cooled the first commissioner's usual ardour; thus the matter rests at present, but, whether the legions of the army, or the locusts of the revenue, will finally remain masters of the field, or whether the rival chiefs, from an impossibility of effecting all they wish, will be content to go off like the two kings of Brentford, smelling at one rose, or whether Mr. Hatch's interest will preponderate in the scale, time alone can clearly ascertain."

At the Union the compensation allowed for this borough (£15,000) was vested in trustees, (as it was of the class called potwalloping boroughs, and not private property,) for the purpose of educating and apprenticing the children of the humbler classes, without any religious distinction; and a handsome and commodious school-house was erected at the cost of £2000. The school was opened in 1809, and is at present attended by about 300 children. The trustees, namely, the Chancellor, Archbishop of Dublin, Bishop of Kildare, Provost of Trinity College, Dean of St. Patrick's, and the Vicar of the parish, for the time being, were incorporated under the name of "the Governors of the School at Swords," on the trust of applying the surplus interest, after paying all expenses of the school, in apprenticing the children, and any further surplus in premiums for the general encouragement of agriculture and manufactures. The salary of the superintendant is £70 per annum; that of the schoolmaster fifty guineas, with certain allowances for servants and coals. There are six boys and

six girls apprenticed out of it every year, and a sum of £12 paid with each apprentice. The physician to the dispensary has an allowance of £80 Irish per annum. Connected with this establishment, and supported out of its funds, are a dispensary and coal-yard, for supplying with medicine, gratis, when wanted, and with coals at a reduced price, the parents of the poorest children, who have regularly attended the school. The other indigent inhabitants of Swords, upon proper recommendation, are entitled to the benefits both of the dispensary and of the coal-yard. There is also a national school here, which receives £15 annually from the Board of Education, the number of its pupils was 165 in 1834 ; and an infant school has been very recently established.

At the commencement of this century, a corn mill, a windmill, and a watermill existed here, while there was also a corn mill at Balheary.

The only public officers, who have at any time exercised jurisdiction within the limits of this corporation, were a portreeve, and the seneschal of the manor of St. Sepulchre, which is also part of the possessions of the Archbishop of Dublin. The portreeve is appointed by the archbishop, and annually sworn at the Michaelmas court leet in Dublin, before the seneschal of St. Sepulchre. He has no salary, nor any emolument, except the annual profit of three acres of land lying near the town, for which he receives about £8 per annum. The portreeve formerly held a court here once in the week, entertaining all claims within the manor, but otherwise, without limit.

His authority, however, having been questioned, he has wholly discontinued to act, and the ordinary Petty Sessions court is now the only town jurisdiction.

Swords gives the title of viscount to the family of Molesworth.

The succession of members of parliament for this borough has been as follows :—

- 1613 William Blakeney and John Fitzsimons ;  
William Blakeney and Robert Carwell.
- 1639 John Taylor and George Blackney.
- 1661 Sir W. Tichborne and John Povey ;  
Sir W. Tichborne and Denny Muschampe.
- 1689 (King James's parliament) Francis Barnewall of Woodpark,  
county Meath, and Robert Russell of Drynham, Esqrs.
- 1692 Richard Forster and John Reading.
- 1695 John Reading and Thomas Ashe.
- 1703 Right Honourable Robert Molesworth and James Peppard.
- 1713 Right Honourable Robert Molesworth and Plunkett Plunkett.
- 1715 Plunkett Plunkett and Richard Molesworth.
- 1721 Plunkett Plunkett and Honourable Richard Molesworth.
- 1727 Honourable Bysse Molesworth and Edward Bolton.
- 1759 Honourable Bysse Molesworth and Thomas Cobbe.
- 1761 Thomas Cobbe and Hamilton Gorges.
- 1769 John Hatch and John Damer.
- 1776 Thomas Cobbe and Charles King.
- 1783 Charles Cobbe and John Hatch.
- 1790 John Claudius Beresford and Lieutenant-General Eyre Massey.
- 1797 Francis Synge and Charles Cobbe, Esqrs.
- 1798 Francis Synge, Esq. and Colonel Marcus Beresford. The former voted against the Union.

The succession of its prebendaries has been thus far ascertained :—

1190 Walter Comyn.	1535 John Derrick.
— Alanus.	1554 Anthony St. Leger.
1227 Robert de Blond.	1555 Patrick Byrne.
1247 Iterius de Brochard.	1576 Edmund Enole.
1302 William de Hothum.	1598 William Pratt.
1366 William of Wickham.	1615 Richard Jones.
1375 Peter de Lacy.	1642 Samuel Pullein.
1378 Robert Cruce.	1661 Roger Holmes.
1386 Walter Bruges.	1662 William Williams.
1397 John Taafe.	1664 John Rogan.
1411 John Tanner.	1675 Andrew Sall.
1423 Brande, Cardinal of Placentia.	1682 Henry Scardeville.
1431 William Cruise.	1703 Thomas King.
— — Blackton.	1708 Robert Dougat.
1468 Walter Kingdom.	1715 John Wynne.
1496 Richard Eustace.	1727 Hugh Wilson.
1509 Edward St. Lawrence,	1735 John Espin.
alias Howth.	1744 John Owen.
1535 Christopher Vesey.	1761 Fowler Comings.
— Anthony Skeffington.	1783 Henry Lomax Walshe.
	1834 William Magee.

#### THE FAMILY OF TAYLOR,

as having been so long identified with this locality, demand here some especial notice. Premising, that the escallops in their armorials afford faithful evidence, according to the interpretation of heraldry, of their achievements in the Holy Land; they early passed over from France, and established themselves in the sister kingdom. In 1183 Ralph Taylor was returned by the Bishop of Durham as holding certain lands at Stanhope, as was Aldelm Taylor by the Bishop of Winchester, as resident in Winchester; and other individuals of the name are traced at the same time flourishing in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridgeshire.

About the year 1250 Gilbert Taylor was sheriff of the latter county. In the middle of the thirteenth century they had extended into Oxfordshire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Lincoln-

shire, Essex, Kent, Herefordshire, Huntingdonshire, Somersetshire, Wiltshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, and Yorkshire. At Beverley, in the latter county more especially, was established Edward Taylor, chief falconer to Henry the Third.

In 1271 Isabel, relict of John Fitz Alan, impleaded Galfrid le Tayleur and Agatha his wife for a third part of the manor of Rodington, in Shropshire, and the Tayleours of Buntingsdale, in that county, have flourished from that period in the highest respectability.

In 1273 Nicholas, the second son of the before-mentioned Edward Taylor of Beverley, passed into Ireland, where he had issue John, who had issue Walter, erroneously called William in some documents. In 1280 Alexander le Taylor had considerable grants of Jewish forfeitures in the city of York.

In 1289 Philip de Taylor granted to his son Walter in fee his possessions in Erde, in Kent, which lay partly within the king's barony, and partly within the liberties of the archbishop. The above Philip de Taylor was about the same time Sheriff of London. In 1293 Roger de Taylor is mentioned as a landed proprietor in Hertfordshire, and styled "Dominus de Valenciâ." In 1295 Walter le Taylor was burgess for Thresk in the parliament at Westminster, as was William le Taylor for Truro in that held at York in 1298, in that of Westminster in 1300, and in that of Carlisle in 1307. In the commencement of the fourteenth century, John de Taylor is mentioned as of St. Alban's, another of the same appellation as burgess of Berwick, and branches of the family had taken root in Westmoreland, Surrey, Worcester-shire, and Sussex. In 1301 Robert Taylor was member of parliament for Oakhampton, as was Thomas le Tailour for Wycomb. In 1302 Benedict le Tailour was representative for the borough of Crediton, and Robert le Tailour for Helstone in the parliament of Carlisle in 1307.

In 1309 John, the son of Thomas le Taylor, appears on record in connexion with the lands of Rathosbern in Ireland; and, in the following year, Thomas le Tailur was one of those summoned to attend the parliament of Kilkenny.

In 1311 Edmund Taylor was one of the two warders appointed and sworn to keep the keys of Aldgate during the distur-

bances relative to Gaveston, while Hugo le Taylor was burgess for Ryegate, and William le Taylor for Carlisle in the parliament of London. In 1312 Geoffrey Taylor was knight of the shire for Hertfordshire. In 1313 Reginald le Taylor was member of parliament for Helstone, as was Alan le Tailor for Worcester in the parliament of Westminster, and again in 1318 in that of York. In 1316 Ralph le Taillour was certified to be lord of the township of Hyde, near Blandford in Dorsetshire, and in 1321 William le Taillur was member of parliament for Shaftesbury.

In 1327 Richard le Tayt had license to enfeof William le Taylor, clerk, of the manors of Killalwyn, Castlecor, and Fithenagh, in the county Meath, which were held of the king *in capite*; while in 1342, and the four subsequent years, John Taylor was one of the high bailiffs of the city of Dublin, and in 1358 was its provost, as the chief magistrate was then called. In 1348 William, the son of John Taillour of Staniford Bridge, was seised of various lands in Yorkshire, which he held as of the manor of Pontefract. The Taillour family were also at this time landed proprietors in Cumberland and Lancashire, in addition to their former locations.

In 1376 the abbot of the house of the Blessed Virgin of Dun-  
draynan in Galway, on his leaving Ireland, had liberty to appoint as his attorney, during his absence, Robert Loughborough and Adam Taylor. The same Adam was subsequently one of the attorneys for the parson of Callan on a similar occasion. In 1382 Thomas Tailor, clerk, was constituted a baron of the Exchequer in Ireland, and in 1386 another Thomas Taillor had license, for himself and his issue, to enjoy the benefit of the law of England, and yet another of the same name was appointed chief remembrancer of the Exchequer in this country. In 1386 Thomas Taylor was constituted treasurer of the liberties of Kilkenny, and deputy seneschal thereof.

In 1387 Walter Taylor of Swords, son of the John Taylor mentioned at the year 1273, had license and authority from Robert de Vere, Marquis of Dublin, to purchase fish of all kind in every harbour of the county Dublin, and to export same for sale in Chester or Liverpool. This Walter was also seised of lands in Drogheda, and became the purchaser of Rathfeigh in the

county Meath from the Bernard family. His eldest son and heir was Alexander Taylor of Swords, of whom hereafter. In the same year, Henry Taillour is mentioned as of the county Kilkenny. In 1390, William Taylor was Vicar of Pierstown Laundy. In 1394 the executor of John Taylor deceased received from the treasury, a sum of £59 due of old by King Edward the Third to Thomas Minot, Archbishop of Dublin, whose claim had by various assignments passed to said John Taylor. In 1399 the Taylors were established in the counties of Carlow and Kildare, and in the same and the following year (1400), Richard Taylor was one of the high bailiffs of Dublin.

In 1400 Philip Taillour of Bristol was one of those, to whom the king granted the extraordinary license, "that they, with as many men-at-arms as they shall choose to have and provide at their own expenses, may take their course for and pass over to our said realm of Ireland in four ships, and there make war against the rebels and enemies of us, being in the town of Galway, which in times past was in our ligeance and obedience, until now of late that by one Sir William Burgh, knight, by the assent and treason of certain traitors therein, the said town was taken in war, and also, the islands of Arran, which always be full of gallies, to ensnare, capture, and plunder our liege English; to the end and effect that if the aforesaid Philip Taillour, &c., shall be able by force and armed power to obtain and take the town and islands aforesaid, they may have, hold, and inhabit the same town and islands, taking to their own use and profit all and singular the property of the aforesaid rebels and enemies of us, and all that which they shall be able so to obtain and take; the rights, rents, revenues, services, and other monies whatsoever to our royal prerogative there pertaining, always saved unto us. Saving also the right of the son and heir of Roger le Mortimer, late Earl of March, being within age and in our wardship, &c."

In 1403 John Taylor is mentioned as of Boystown in the county Kildare, while in the same year, Alexander Taylor of Swords was one of three, whom the king assigned to collect a subsidy within the Crosslands of Dublin. This Alexander was the son of Walter as before-mentioned, and intermarried with Agnes, the daughter of William Swinock or Simcock, by whom he ac-

quired additional property in Drogheda. He seems to have been the purchaser of the inheritance at Swords, and to have built a mansion house in that town. His eldest son and heir, John Taylor, married Margaret daughter of Thomas Brailes, by whom he had issue John Taylor, married to Catherine, daughter of —, Hamlin of Smithstown. The children of this last marriage were Agnes Taylor, married to Thomas de la Field of Fieldstown, and James Taylor, who, by his first wife Anne, daughter of — Segrave of Killeglan, had issue Richard Taylor of Swords, hereafter mentioned, and Robert Taylor, from whom descended the Taylors of Dublin, aldermen and merchants of that city. James Taylor's second wife was Agnes Warren, by whom he had also issue. In 1406 the king conferred the dignity of Archdeacon of Ossory on Adam Taylor. In 1412 and the two following years, as also in 1422, Stephen Taylor was one of the high bailiffs of the city of Dublin.

In 1415 Edmund Taylor was one of the knights in the retinue of the Earl of Oxford at the battle of Agincourt. In 1520 in the royal appointment for the progress to Canterbury, and thence to Calais and Guisnes, to meet the French king, Doctor Taylor was one of ten attendant chaplains, to each of whom six servants and four horses were allowed. The suite of Cardinal Wolsey alone, on this occasion, comprised twelve chaplains, fifty gentlemen, 238 servants, and 150 horses.

In 1539 Patrick Taylor was seised of Ballydowd near Lucan, which, having been afterwards the seat of Sir Edmund Sexton Perry, took the name of Edmundsbury, and is now the residence of Mr. Needham. In 1543 Richard Taylor of Swords, son of the before mentioned James Taylor, was joined in commission with said Patrick, to try and decide what temporal and spiritual possessions became, by the dissolution of monasteries, vested in the crown within the county of Dublin. He married Elizabeth Barnewall, daughter of Robert Barnewall of Riverstown, by whom he had issue four daughters, the eldest of whom, Catherine, was first married to Christopher de la Hoyde, Esq., Recorder of Drogheda, and on his decease to Patrick, fourth Baron of Trimlestown. Richard had also a son, Robert Taylor of Swords, hereafter mentioned.

In 1553 Dr. John Taylor, Bishop of Lincoln, was one of the



English prelates deprived by Queen Mary. Amongst those English gentlemen, who compounded for their estates during the Commonwealth, were John Taylor of Moscroft in Yorkshire, Richard Taylor of Ernley in Sussex, John Taylor of Brimstage in Cheshire, John Taylor of Sandal in Yorkshire, John Taylor of Ichenor in Sussex, William Taylor and Richard Taylor of Clapham in Bedfordshire, William Taylor of London, then late of Windsor, Thomas Taylor of Oclepichard in Herefordshire, John Taylor of Oldham in Lancashire, John Taylor of York, merchant, and John Taylor of Todcaster in Yorkshire. In 1557 John Taylor, clerk, was constituted Master of the Rolls in England, and was afterwards Chancellor.

In 1558 Robert Taylor, the son and heir of the before mentioned Richard of Swords, was seised of Ballyowen in the county Dublin. He married Alice, daughter of Thomas Fitz Simons of Dublin, and had issue by her George Taylor his heir, and other children. George was Recorder of Dublin, and in the Irish parliament of 1585 was one of its representatives. In 1586 Francis Taylor was one of the sheriffs of the city of Dublin.

About this time flourished in England, Doctor Thomas Taylor, Fellow of Christ's College, a zealous puritan divine of the Elizabethan age. In 1595 Francis Taylor was Mayor of Dublin, and at the same time, Mr. Joseph Taylor, the friend of Philip Massinger, appeared as the original actor of Hamlet, instructed by Shakspeare himself. He performed the part for upwards of forty-five years, was master of the revels to Charles the First, died in the year 1653, and was buried at Richmond.

In 1602 Thomas Taylor was settled at Rigmores in Sussex, and from him has descended the line of the Marquis of Headfort, his grandson Thomas having, in the year 1653, come into Ireland with the celebrated Sir William Petty, with whom he had contracted the strictest friendship. They conjointly undertook and perfected the Down Survey, although the maps were published in Sir William Petty's name only. In 1660 he disposed of his estates in England, and purchased in Ireland the town and townlands of Kells, and others of great extent in the county Meath. After the restoration of King Charles the Second, he was appointed a commissioner of the Court of Claims, and was

also a commissioner of that held for persons transported into Connaught and Clare in 1675. His only daughter married Sir Nicholas Acheson, ancestor to Viscount Gosford. His son, Thomas Taylor, was created a baronet of Ireland in 1704, and the grandson of this Sir Thomas was, in 1747, advanced to the peerage by the title of Baron Headfort of Headfort, and created Earl of Bective in 1766, as was his son, Marquis of Headfort, in 1800.

In 1603 the before-mentioned George Taylor of Swords was a party in a recovery suffered of the Caddell estates in this county. He died in 1620, seised, as mentioned at "Swords," and at "Newcastle." His eldest son and heir, by his first wife Johanna Jans, was Michael Taylor, who, at the time of said George's decease, was aged thirty-six, and married to the daughter of — Russell of Drynham, by whom he had issue John Taylor his heir, and four other sons. In 1618 John Taylor was one of the English undertakers or settlers in the county of Cavan, and had assigned to him 1500A., called Aghieduff, with a castle and bawn therein.

In 1629 Francis Taylor, of the line of the before-mentioned Robert, was one of the aldermen of Dublin; while in the parliament of 1639 John Taylor, the heir of Michael of Swords, was one of the representatives of that borough. He married Mary the daughter of John Fagan of Feltrim, by whom he had issue John Taylor his heir, and two other sons. John, the elder, sustained the confiscations and losses mentioned at Swords; and the sufferings of his son John the younger, under these privations, and his resistance to being transplanted into Connaught up to 1659, when he obtained a decree confirmatory of his old estate, are detailed in an interesting manuscript still preserved by the family. At the court of claims, consequent upon the forfeitures of this period, Captain Marmaduke Taylor was a claimant for lands in the county of Cork, Nathaniel Taylor in the counties of Cork and Tipperary, Thomas Taylor in Cork, the Queen's County, and Meath, Timothy Taylor in the King's County, and Walter Taylor in the county of Galway.

In the English parliament of 1641 Mr. Taylor, a barrister and representative for Windsor, was impeached for saying, in disparagement of the house, in reference to the Earl of Strafford's death, that "they had committed murder with the sword of justice,

and that he would not for a world have so much blood lie on his conscience, as did on theirs for that sentence ;" which words being proved against him, he was expelled the house and voted incapable of ever being a member. He was also committed to the Tower during pleasure.

At the surrender of Arundel Castle, Captain Thomas Taylor was one of the officers taken prisoner by Sir William Waller. In 1652 Captains Taylor and Peacock, in two English frigates, engaged two Dutch men-of-war on the coast of Flanders, took one and caused the other to be stranded. In 1654 died John Taylor, the water poet, of whom Pope says—

"Taylor, their better Charon, lends an oar,  
Once swan of Thames, though now he sings no more."

He was a remarkable instance of uneducated genius, as himself notes—

"I must confess I do want eloquence,  
And never scarce did learn my accident ;  
For having got from *possum* to *posset*,  
I there was gravelled, could no farther get."

In 1657 Nicholas Taylor, brother of the aforesaid John the elder, was found, on a parliamentary survey, seised of 160A. in Swords. His nephew, John the younger, heir of John the elder, married the daughter of — Moore of Ballina, by whom he had issue Michael Taylor his heir, and other children.

In 1660 Doctor Jeremy Taylor was promoted to the sees of Down and Connor, was soon afterwards made vice-chancellor of Trinity College, Dublin, for its special regulation, and had also the administration of the bishopric of Dromore conferred upon him.

In 1680 John Taylor the younger, before-mentioned, died seised in tail male of the family estates in Swords, Marshalstown, Rathcoole, Greenock, &c., as did his eldest son, Michael Taylor, without issue male in 1684, leaving John Taylor his brother and heir, who subsequently married Alice, daughter of — Browne of Clongowes-Wood, his first wife, by whom he had one daughter. By his second wife, Helen, daughter of Richard Fagan of Fel-

trim, he had John Taylor his heir, and eight other children. This John also married twice. By his first wife, Miss Cusack of Rathaldron, he had a daughter; by his second, Catherine Everard of Randalstown, he had Christopher his heir, George who died unmarried, and Penelope married to Edward Mapother of Kiltewan. Christopher married Ellen, daughter of John Caulfield, by whom he had ten children, of whom James Joseph Taylor is now the surviving heir, being of the seventeenth generation from the above-mentioned Edward Taylor of Beverley. Jane Elizabeth Taylor, his sister, is married to Josiah Forster, Esq., formerly of St. Croix in the West Indies, by whom she has issue, James Fitz Eustace Forster.

In 1687 died Silas Taylor, an antiquary of much ability, born at Harley in Shropshire.

Amongst those attainted in King James's parliament, were Arthur Taylor of the county Tipperary, and Joseph Taylor of the county Kerry, while John Taylor was one of the burgesses in the new charter then granted to Swords. In 1692 Robert Taylor was one of the members of parliament for the borough of Askeaton.

In 1703 that admirable scholar, the Rev. John Taylor, was born in Shrewsbury, where he received the early part of his education. He was afterwards chancellor of Lincoln, and author of various works.

In 1716 was born in Ireland George Taylor, the son of a respectable clergyman, who afterwards emigrated to America, and, having by prudent management and great industry amassed a large fortune, purchased a considerable estate there in the county of Northampton, which he represented in the provincial assembly that met at Philadelphia in 1764, and in 1776 he was one of those who signed the memorable declaration of American independence. About the commencement of this century another branch of the family settled in Galway, of which town Walter Taylor was mayor in 1731, Anthony Taylor sheriff in 1735, and Thomas Taylor mayor in 1768.

In 1727 William Taylor was sheriff of Derbyshire, and in 1731 died Doctor Brook Taylor, a native of Edmonton, in Middlesex, the intimate friend of Sir Isaac Newton, a very able mathemati-

cian, and author of many scientific works. In 1766 died John Taylor, a learned critic and philologist, born at Shrewsbury, and about the same time died Doctor John Taylor, a learned dissenting teacher, born near Lancaster.

In 1788 died Sir Robert Taylor, an eminent architect, and above all that of his own fortune. When he began life, he said he was not worth eighteen pence, and the accumulation of his professional labours amounted at the time of his decease to £180,000. There is a handsome monument to his memory in Westminster Abbey. In the same year appeared a very remarkable work on the Platonic doctrine, from the pen of Mr. Thomas Taylor, the singular scope of which may be conjectured from the introductory avowal, that "the religion of the heathens has, indeed, for many centuries been the object of ridicule and contempt, yet the author of the present work is not ashamed to own, that he is a perfect convert to it in every particular, so far as it was understood and illustrated by the Pythagoric and Platonic philosophers."

In 1809 Lieutenant Taylour of the Tigris commanded a hazardous boat expedition in the Bay of Rosas, in which he had such signal success as to capture or burn all the vessels, and take or destroy the supplies destined for the French army in Spain. In 1813 Captain Taylor of the Sparrow took possession of the Castle of Castro, on the Spanish shore of the Mediterranean, and in the same year Captain B. W. Taylor of the Apollo took the islands of Augusta and Carzolo, in the Mediterranean, and in the following year that of Paxo, in the Adriatic.

Other records of this family, in connexion with the county of Dublin, are scattered through this work, and may be traced by the General Index.

Near Swords is Seatown, formerly an estate of the Russell family, and recognised as such in the Act of Settlement. It is now the residence of Mr. Arthur Balheary, the ancient fee of the Lords Kingsland, is also in the vicinity, and has a Roman Catholic chapel of ease, from which a remarkably straight and well shaded road leads to Lispobel and Rollestown. At

## MOORTOWN,

about a mile from Swords, are the uninteresting ruins of a chapel, presenting a remarkably large, unroofed, square apartment, with broad low windows slightly carved, but utterly without tombs or any traces of religious reverence.

It was more anciently called Glassmore, and, according to the calendary of Cashel, is memorable for the martyrdom of St. Cronan and all his monks, by a band of pirates in the commencement of the seventh century.\* He is styled abbot and martyr, and his festival is kept on the 10th of February. Other authorities refer this event to a Glassmore in Munster.† St. Angus thus eulogises this holy man:—"Stella lucida, propago felix, thesaurus aureus præfulgidus et eximius, Cronanus sanctus absque maculâ, sol lucidus Glasmorensis." Its tithes belonged to the petit canons of St. Patrick, and accordingly in 1759 the tithes of Taylor's land, Hilltown, Moortown, &c. "commonly called and reputed to be the petty canons' and choristers' tithes;" likewise all the tithes, great and small, of a certain part of the lands of Moortown were leased to Robert Wilson for twenty-one years at £20 per annum.

This townland contains about one hundred and eighty acres, was the fee of Lord Trimlestown, and is now that of Mr. Cusack.

Leaving Swords, and continuing the northern road, the handsome seat of Mr. Baker appears at left, with a pretty river flowing through it in graceful windings and over several artificial falls. Thence to the village of

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\* Camden's *Britannia*, vol. iii. p. 561.

† See Colgan's *Acta Sanctorum*, p. 303.

## TURVEY,

the ancient estate of the Barnewalls, Lords Trimlestown, and Barons of Turvey.

A straight avenue, still scantily sentinelled with the survivors of a forest, conducts by the margin of a little stream to the family mansion, a plain but venerable building surrounded by some fine old trees. In it are some family portraits and other paintings. On this townland was formerly an excellent corn mill, of which now scarcely a trace remains. It is also observable that iron appears to manifest its presence here in a coarse reddish earth.

In 1240 the prioress of Grany granted to Master Richard de St. Martin the church of Turvey, alias Dunabate, for his natural life, at the annual rent of £10, he paying also in the name of the prioress a mark annually to the church of Swords.\*

In 1385 Hugh Bermingham was appointed seneschal of the manors and lordships of Turvey, Rush, Corduff, and Ballyscadan, with power to demise the same to farmers, and to remove such as he pleased, and set the lands to others, to appoint receivers, and do all other things for the good government thereof which he should deem expedient.† The manor comprised the denominations of Claffardstown, Danyestown, &c.

In 1461 the king granted to Sir William Wellesley the office of chief butler of Ireland, with the manors of Turvey, Balscaddan, and Rush, and other manors, for his life, at the service of a red rose. The grant recites that the same had belonged to James Botiller, late Earl of Wiltshire.‡

By inquisition of 1515 Sir Thomas Butler, seventh Earl of Ormond, was found to have died seised of the manors of Lusk, Turvey, Rush, and Balscaddan.

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\* Lib. "Crede Mihi," fo. 103.

† Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

‡ Ib.

In 1532, when King Henry notified that for certain arduous causes, with the consent of his lieutenant and the lords spiritual and temporal and council, he had determined to unfurl and display his banner at the hill of Owenstown, in the county of Dublin, and summonses and distringases were issued against all those absent, who were bound to render scutage on such an occasion, amongst these, process issued from the exchequer to the Earl of Ossory, on account of his manor of Turvey.

In 1556 Thomas Earl of Ormond granted this manor and its seneschalship to Sir Christopher Barnewall, a lawyer of considerable eminence, who was high sheriff of the county of Dublin in 1560, and died here in 1575. Turvey has since constituted a principal seat of his family, the present mansion-house having been erected by him, as appears by the arms and inscription over the west gate, "The arms of Sir Christopher Barnewall and Dame Marion Sherle, alias Churley, who made this house in anno 1565."

In 1645 Nicholas Barnewall was created Baron of Turvey and Viscount Barnewall of Kingsland.

In 1658 Cromwell directed by his letter that Lord Kingsland should have a lease of his house at Turvey, and £500 per annum set apart for him, which was done accordingly.

In 1685 Henry Lord Viscount Kingsland passed patent for Turvey and its subdenominations, 432 acres, and the mill thereto belonging, the towns and lands of Ballawley, Ballystroan, part of Hodgestown, Fieldstown, with the fair, &c. the outlands of Swords, with part of the town of Swords in several parcels, 74 acres, the mill and mill race of Killossery, the town and lands of Grace Dieu, with the tithes thereof, &c., Drishogue 222 acres, Grange of Ballyboghill 395 acres, &c., Skiddow and Ballgeeth 360 acres, Rob's-Wall 115 acres, coneyburrow of Portmarnock and the mill thereunto belonging 336A. 1R. &c., also the tithes of the town and lands of Rob's-Wall, the manor, town, lands and preceptory of Kilmainhambeg, &c.

In this demesne the writer of these pages witnessed the felling of a noble ancient tree, and surely there is truth in those philosophers who found "tongues in



trees." As this beauty of the wood, with all her leafy honours round her, tottered and groaned upon her amputated roots, it seemed as if the Hamadryad was deeply complaining from her sylvan temple. With the enthusiasm of the ambassador, whom Livy portrays so affected as by the presiding intelligence of an oak of centuries, it was almost the first impulse to arrest the arm of the woodcutter, and certainly the confirmation of his deforming work could not be witnessed. In a remoter glade, and under the fantastic but richly furnished branches of a beech, as umbrageous as Tityrus himself could have enjoyed, it was more congenial to muse upon the achievements of the noble name, on which Turvey has the honour of conferring one title.

#### THE FAMILY OF BARNEWALL.

"It is a reverend thing," says Bacon, "to see an ancient castle or building not in decay, or to see a fair timber tree sound and perfect, how much more to behold an ancient noble family, which hath stood against the waves and weathers of time." The incident, above alluded to, especially suggested the quotation, and to no line could it have been more justly applied, than to that which is the subject of this little memoir. "The Barnewalls," says Stanihurst, "came from little Britain, where they are at this day a great surname." In 1066 "le Sieur de Barneville" was one of the knights in the train of William the Conqueror, as Bromton's list runs :

Barneville et Berners,  
Cheyne et Chalers.

In 1078 the Conqueror, having pursued the insurgent Saxons to the Roman wall, returned to York in triumph, and there bestowed upon Roger de Barneville the manor of Newton in Cleveland, and various other lands which his immediate descendants possessed

until the fourteenth century. The aforesaid Roger, together with his brother Hugh, on the declaration of the Holy War at the Council of Clermont in 1095, hastened to receive upon their habits the consecrated cross. In the following year they joined the banner of Duke Robert, wintered in Apulia, and early in 1097 sojourned for some days at Constantinople, where, in the Blanchernal palace, de Barneville and the rest of the Duke of Normandy's retainers did homage to the Emperor Alexius, and received for this acknowledgment the most expensive presents. The subsequent achievements of de Barneville against the Sultan Kilidge Anslan, the Solyman of Tasso, are the theme of the most glowing eulogies from the Latin historians. Roger ultimately fell before the walls of Antioch. His third son Roger was one of the military retainers of Robert de Bruce, and finally became a monk in the abbey of St. Sauveur le Vicomte. The family was also established in the twelfth century in Southamptonshire.

In 1170 Jordan de Barneville was one of the knights bound to render military service for his possessions in the Duchy of Normandy, which he lived to see subdued by Philip Augustus, to whom, in 1204, he vowed allegiance. At the close of the twelfth century, the family is traced in the records of Essex, Suffolk, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Wiltshire, Middlesex, and a highly respectable branch at Hockworthy in Devonshire.

About the same time some of its members passed into Ireland, where, "upon their first arrival," says Stanihurst, "they won great possessions at Beerhaven, but were at length, by conspiracy of the Irish, headed by the O'Sullivan, all slain, except one young man, who then studied the common laws in England," Hugh *alias* Ulfran de Barneville, to whom, on his return, King John, in 1215, granted the lands of Drymnagh and Tyrenure in the Vale of Dublin, which his posterity held until the reign of James the First, when it was granted to Sir Adam Loftus. This Hugh gave twenty ounces of gold to the crown for the custody of the son of William Traim, and the daughter of Adam Rudipat, his wife, and of their lands during their minority, which was accordingly granted to him, saving the dower of Adam Rudipat's widow. Hugh died without issue, whereupon Reginald de Barneville, his brother, succeeded as his heir, acquired considerable accession of property by

royal grant, and was the direct ancestor of the Lords of Trimlestown. About this time the Augustinian monastery of Odder was founded by one of the family.

In 1277 and the immediate subsequent years, Gilbert de Barneval was summoned to perform military service against Llewellyn, Prince of Wales. Members of the family were at this time considerable landed proprietors in Middlesex, Devonshire, and Yorkshire. In 1319 John de Berneville was knight of the shire for Somersetshire.

In 1348 and previously, Sir Wolfran Barnewall was seised of Kilbrue in the county of Meath, with the advowson of its church, and about the same time Reginald de Barnewall was seised of Tyrenure in the vale of Dublin, as hereafter mentioned. In 1378 John de Barneval, knight, was summoned to a great council to be held in Dublin. In 1433 John Barnewall, the ancestor of the Lords of Kingaland, was sheriff of the county of Meath. In 1435 Christopher Barnewall of Crickstown, was Chief Justice of the King's Bench in Ireland, he was the son of Sir Wolfran de Barnewall by the daughter of the celebrated Lord Furnival. In 1462 Robert Barnewall, for his good services to the king's father when in Ireland, had a grant constituting him a baron of parliament, to hold said dignity to him and his heirs male by the title of Lord and Baron of Trimlestown, with an annuity of £10 payable by the Prior and Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, out of the farms of the Salmon-leap and Chapelizod; and the further privilege of being of the King's Council in Ireland during life. At the same period, Sir Nicholas Barnewall of Crickstown, the lineal ancestor of Sir Aylmer Barnewall, baronet, and brother of said Robert Lord Trimlestown, was Chief Justice of the Common Pleas in Ireland.

In 1474, when the brotherhood of St. George was constituted by parliament of thirteen of "the most noble and worthy persons within the four shires," Barnaby Barnewall, brother of Christopher of Crickstown, C. J. of the K. B., was one of the three for the county Meath. They were to assemble annually at Dublin, on St. George's day, to express their zeal for English government, and thence were styled the fraternity of St. George. To their captain, who was to be chosen, for one year, on their anni-

versary, were assigned as his train 120 archers on horseback, and forty other horsemen with one attendant to each. The archers were to receive sixpence daily pay, the others, for themselves and their attendants, fivepence, with an annual stipend of four marks. Thus was the defence of the English pale entrusted to 200 men and thirteen officers, with such tumultuary levies as might be raised on any sudden emergency. To support this armament the fraternity was empowered to demand twelve pence in the pound out of all merchandises sold in Ireland, except hides and the goods of freemen of Dublin and Drogheda. They were also empowered to make laws for the regulation of their society, to elect new members on vacancy, and their captain had authority to apprehend outlaws, rebels, and all who refused due obedience to law. In 1487 Christopher, the second Lord Trimlestown, was one of the Irish nobles deceived by the pretensions of Lambert Simnel, for which, however, he received pardon in 1488. Lord Trimlestown sat in the parliament of 1490, and, attending the Earl of Kildare into Connaught, was present at the battle of Knocktow. In 1495 Thomas Barnewall was second Baron of the Exchequer in England.

In 1509 John (afterwards third Baron of Trimlestown) was nominated second justice of the Court of King's Bench. In 1522 he was appointed Treasurer of Ireland, and High Treasurer in 1524. In 1532 he received a fee-farm grant of certain lands in the county Louth, and in 1534 was constituted Lord High Chancellor of Ireland, which office he held till his decease. The annals of the Four Masters, speaking of the invasion of Munster, by the Lord Deputy against the O'Briens, in 1510, record an engagement which took place near O'Brien's Bridge, in which, amongst others "on the English side," fell Barnewall of Crickstown. In 1536 the aforesaid Barnewall, Lord of Trimlestown, while chancellor of Ireland, was joined with Sir William Brabazon in a foray on the lands of O'Connor in Carbury. In 1537 he was one of those deputed to parley with O'Neill, on which occasion he affected a peace with that chieftain. His son Peter was solicitor general of Ireland in 1534. In the parliament of 1541 the Baron of Trimlestown was one of the sitting lords. In 1547 Patrick Barnewall, of the Kingsland line, was a sergeant-at-law, and in 1550 was

created Master of the Rolls, while in 1559 James Barnewall was Attorney-General for Ireland. At the hosting of Tara, Robert Barnewall attended to do military service, in right of lands in the county of Dublin; and in 1560 Patrick Barnewall, Baron of Trimlestown, was one of the sitting lords in the parliament held by the Lord Deputy Sussex.

In 1563 Sir Christopher Barnewall, whose political information was much esteemed, was the popular leader of the parliament, and strongly resisted the suspension of Poyning's law. In 1568 he vehemently inveighed against the constitution of the Irish House of Commons. First, because there were certain burgesses returned for sundry towns, which were not corporate and had no lawful voice in the parliament. Secondly, because certain sheriffs and certain mayors of towns corporate, had returned themselves; and thirdly, because a number of Englishmen were returned to be burgesses of such towns and corporations, which some of them never knew, and none at all were resident and dwelling in the same, according as by the laws was required. In 1572 "Robert Barnewall, Lord of Trimlestown, a rare nobleman, and endued with sundry good gifts, having wholly wedded himself to the reformation of his miserable country, was resolved for the whetting of his wit, which, nathless, was pregnant and quick, by a short trade and method he took in his study, to have sipt up the very sap of the common law; and, upon this determination, sailing into England, sickened shortly after at a worshipful matron's house, where he was, to the great grief of all his country, pierced with death, when the weal public had most need of his life."—Some years before his decease, this nobleman was joined in commission with Hugh, Archbishop of Dublin, for the preservation of the peace within the pale, against Shane O'Neill. In 1575 died at Turvey the before-mentioned "Sir Christopher Barnewall, knight, the lanthorn and light as well of his house as of that part of Ireland where he dwelt; who, being sufficiently furnished as well with the knowledge of the Latin tongue as of the common laws of England, was zealously bent to the reformation of his country; a deep and a wise gentleman, spare of speech and therewithal pithy, wholly addicted to gravity, being in any pleasant conceit rather given to simper than smile, very upright in dealing, measuring all

his affairs with the safety of conscience, as true as steel, close and secret, fast to his friend, stout in a good quarrel, a great householder, sparing without pinching, spending without wasting, of nature mild, rather choosing to pleasure where he might harm, than willing to harm where he might pleasure." His is the monument hereafter noted as still existing in the north aisle of the church of Lusk.

In the parliament of 1585 Lord Trimlestown sat as a baron, while John Barnewall was one of the representatives for Drogheda, Robert Barnewall for Ardee, and Richard Barnewall for the county Meath, Sir Patrick Barnewall of Crickstown also sat in that parliament. At the general hosting at Tara in 1593, Sir Patrick Barnewall of Crickstown brought four archers on horseback as his service, as did Sir Patrick of Turvey one archer for Turvey, and four for Grace Dieu in defence of the county Dublin; this latter was a patentee to a great extent of monastic property in the counties of Dublin, Meath, Galway, Kildare, and Roscommon. He also was buried at Lusk. In 1597 the Baron of Trimlestown and his son attended the standard of the Lord Deputy in his incursion on O'Neill. It was found necessary, however, to detach the latter with a thousand men to attack an English associate of O'Neill, named Tyrrel, who, affecting to fly, drew his enemies into a defile concealed by trees, where he was enabled to attack them in front and reare, utterly defeated their forces, sent their young commander prisoner to O'Neill, and gave his name to the locality of Tyrrelspass.

In 1605 Sir Patrick Barnewall, the great agent of the Irish recusants, was, on account of his zeal in their behalf, by the king's command sent in custody into England, and committed to the tower of London. The English council, consisting of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Chancellor Ellesmere, &c. thereupon required Sir Arthur Chichester, Lord Deputy of Ireland, and his council, to answer the accusations which Barnewall made against the said deputy, the most important of which they considered, that he complained of precepts being sent forth in Ireland under the great seal to compel men to go to church. About this time, Robert Barnewall of the county Meath line, and a lawyer of Gray's Inn, published an abridgment of the second part of the Year Book

of King Henry the Sixth, which, as it contained many cases concerning Irish affairs, he dedicated to Sir Robert Gardiner, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. In this dedication he observes, "that among all the volumes of the law he had read, the second part of Henry the Sixth was the worthiest to be heeded by all who should intend the manner of proceeding of law in Ireland." In 1606 occurs a curious notice in reference to the daughter of the aforesaid Sir Patrick Barnewall and Valerian Wellesley, who being a minor, his guardian contracted for his marriage with that lady; on attaining, however, the age of fourteen, he came personally into the Court of Exchequer, and there in full court protested against the contract, as "being fully resolved in my own mind to keep myself at liberty, until God shall grant me best judgment to make choice for myself."

In 1612 Robert Lord Trimlestown was one of the six peers of the Pale who addressed, to a monarch habituated to the most abject flattery, the honest remonstrance well known to every reader of Irish history, especially complaining of the deposing the most loyal of the magistrates for not taking the oath of supremacy, and also requiring a thorough corporate reform. "And so upon the knees of our loyal hearts we do humbly pray, that your highness will be graciously pleased not to give way to courses in the general opinion of your subjects here, so hard and exorbitant, as to erect towns and corporations of places consisting of some poor and beggarly cottages, but that your highness will give direction that there be no more created till time, or traffic, or commerce, do make places in the remote and unsettled countries here fit to be incorporated, and that your majesty will benignly content yourself with the service of understanding men, to come as knights of the shires out of the chief countries to the parliament." And these noblemen offered to prove their allegations in person, and begged permission so to do; "for we are those by the effusion of whose ancestors' blood the foundation of your highness's empire over this kingdom was first laid." In the parliament of 1613 Robert Barnewall was one of the representatives for the county Meath, and in 1621 Patrick Barnewall of Shankhill, in the county Dublin, was also seised of very considerable possessions in the county Wicklow.

In the priorities of Lord Strafford's celebrated procession in

1634, Lord Trimlestown walked after Lord Dunsany and before Lord Howth, the youngest being foremost. Lord Dunsany subsequently claimed precedence, but his petition was disallowed. In the parliament of 1689 Nicholas Barnewall of Turvey, and Peter Barnewall of Tyrenure were the representatives for the county of Dublin, while Sir Richard Barnewall of Crickstown was one of those for the county of Meath, and Patrick Barnewall of Kilbrew for the borough of Trim. This Sir Richard raised and commanded one hundred horse at his own charges in the ensuing troubles, and on one particular occasion despatched Christopher Barnewall of Crackenstown, and Andrew, son of Patrick Barnewall of Kilbrew, with two hundred men under their command, to defend the town of Kilsallaghan against the English army.

In 1641 Barnewall of Rathesker, a colonel of the Irish army, and deputy *custos rotulorum* of the county Louth, was taken prisoner by Lord Moore in the action of Tullyallen, and his castle with great store of provisions taken and plundered; while about the same time, "Patrick Barnewall of Kilbrew, one of the most considerable gentlemen of the Pale, a venerable old man, a lover of quiet, and highly respected in his country, having surrendered himself to the Earl of Ormond, and received a safe conduct from Sir William Parsons, was nevertheless upon his arrival in Dublin imprisoned and put to the rack; which," says Leland, "he endured with so steady an avowal of his innocence, and such abundant evidence was offered in his favour, that the Justices were ashamed of their cruelty, and to make some amends to the unhappy gentleman, he was permitted to reside in Dublin, and his estate protected from the general havoc of the soldiery." He had been one of those present at the great meeting on the hill of Crofty. At the same era of trouble, Lord Trimlestown attended the gathering on Tara Hill, and was one of the eight noblemen, who signed the letter of remonstrance against the intolerance of the Lords Justices. In the subsequent measures, adopted by the confederate Catholics, for raising soldiers in the several baronies of the Pale, that of Navan was assigned to this nobleman, as were those of Ratoath and Dunboyne to Sir Richard Barnewall of Crickstown and Patrick Barnewall of Kilbrew. This general muster organized a force of upwards of 12,000 men, on the assembling of which Lord



Trimlestown was one of the four peers who, from their camp near Drogheda, addressed the Marquis of Clanricarde, assigning the motives for thus taking up arms. "First, then, we declare unto your lordship, that the only scope and purpose of our taking up of arms is for the honour of God, to obtain a free exercise of the ancient Catholic Roman religion, so long and so constantly adhered unto by us and our progenitors in this kingdom, and whereof we have been threatened to be utterly deprived, and from which nothing but death or utter extirpation shall remove us. Next, for restitution of the absolute sovereignty or prerogative royal of our most gracious king, whereof we to our great grief do behold him abridged by some ill affected subjects, aiming therein at their own private ends; and, thirdly, for the liberty of this our country, which the parliament of England (our fellow-subjects) seeketh to captivate and enthrall to themselves, the experience whereof we have for a long while found under the heavy pressures of the subordinate governors placed over us, the particulars whereof, too tedious to be related, are sufficiently known to most parts of the Christian world, and yet obscured and concealed from the eyes and ears of our gracious king at home, because he should not commiserate us to give order for our deliverance. These, then, and none other, we call God to witness, are the grounds and motives of the action we have in hand." His castle at Trimlestown, in the county of Meath, was soon afterwards taken by the Lord Deputy.

On the breaking out of these troubles Nicholas Barnewall, then proprietor of Turvey, fled with his family to Wales, whence he returned in 1643, and the king soon afterwards, being sensible of his loyalty, and taking a special notice both of his services in Ireland and those of his son Patrick in England, created him Baron of Turvey and Viscount Barnewall of Kingsland. He married the widow of O'Donnell Earl of Tyrconnel, and on his decease was also buried at Lusk. Amongst the confederate Catholics, who sat at Kilkenny in 1646, were George Barnewall of Kingstown, Henry Barnewall of Castlerickard, and James Barnewall. Sir Richard Barnewall, the second baronet of Crickstown, was also one of the provincial council at Kilkenny, and was excepted from pardon for life and estate by Cromwell's act of parliament passed in August 1652. He was afterwards transplanted into Connaught, attainted, and deprived

of all his estates until the Restoration, when, being one of the nominees mentioned in the Act of Settlement, he was restored to his mansion-house and 2000 acres adjoining, soon after which he died. In 1650 Mathias, the twelfth Lord Baron of Trimlestown, was also transplanted into Connaught by Cromwell, who gave him some less valuable estates in that province, in lieu of those which he had inherited in Leinster, although the said baron had taken no part in the civil wars, as was afterwards particularly declared in the Acts of Settlement and Explanation.

In 1688 John Barnewall of Crickstown, was appointed second Justice of the Exchequer. Viscount Kingsland, and Robert, the ninth Baron of Trimlestown, sat in the peerage of King James's parliament in 1689, while among the Commons on that occasion, were Francis Barnewall of Woodpark, county Meath, and Sir Patrick Barnewall, the third Baronet of Crickstown, one of the representatives for that county. King James at this time gave a warrant to Lord Trimlestown for the reversal of the outlawry that affected his title, but the process was interrupted by succeeding events. Nicholas, the third Viscount Kingsland, also espoused the cause of King James, and was outlawed accordingly. On the route at the Boyne he went to Limerick, where he continued until its surrender; but, being comprehended within the Articles, he obtained a reversal of his outlawry. In King William's first parliament he delivered his writ of summons, and took the oath of allegiance, but, being required to subscribe the declaration according to the English act, he refused so to do, declaring it was not agreeable to his conscience, whereupon, the Lord Chancellor acquainted him, that the consequence of his refusal was, that he could not sit in that house, upon which his lordship withdrew.

In September, 1691, Mathias, the tenth Baron of Trimlestown, was one of the hostages from the Irish army, pending the Treaty of Limerick. He and his brother John followed the fortunes of the fallen monarch. The former had a commission under the Duke of Berwick, and fell in action against the Germans in 1692, whereupon the latter returned from Flanders to this country, recovered the family estates, and had writ of summons to parliament as Baron of Trimlestown, but being a Roman Catholic, he applied to the then Lord Deputy in council to excuse him accordingly.

In 1695 Alexander Barnewall was lieutenant-colonel in Clare's regiment of dragoons in the French service, while about the same time Lord Trimlestown had three sons in foreign service, Thomas in France, James in the Spanish service, and Anthony, who went into Germany at the age of seventeen, in General Hamilton's regiment of cuirassiers. He was engaged in every action of note against the Turks, and in the memorable battle of Crotzka, in September, 1739, on the fall of his superior officer, twice led his regiment to the charge, but perished on the last occasion, being surrounded and cut down by the enemy. In 1745 Lieutenant George Barnewall of Berwick's regiment, was taken prisoner off Montrose, on board the *Louis the Fifteenth*, by the *Milford*, as was another Lieutenant Barnewall on board the *Charité* in 1746, and Lieutenants William, Edward, and Basil Barnewall were also captured at sea, fighting in the same service. In the engagement which occurred in 1747 at Lauffield village near Maestricht, Captain Brian Barnewall of Clare's regiment of the Irish Brigade was killed, as was Captain Edward Barnewall in Berwick's, and Captain Thomas Barnewall badly wounded.

Thomas, the thirteenth Lord Trimlestown, was a Knight of Malta. In 1768 Nicholas, the fourteenth Baron of Trimlestown, married the only daughter of Monsieur Joseph d'Augin, President of the Parliament of Tholouse, by whom he had issue the succeeding lord, and one daughter who was married in 1795 to Peter, Count D'Alton.

In 1793 John Thomas Barnewall, Esq. (the present Lord Trimlestown), only son to Count Barnewall, formerly of the kingdom of France, and cousin to the Lord Trimlestown of that day, was married to Miss Kirwan, the eldest daughter of the celebrated Richard Kirwan, whose scientific acquirements were so highly esteemed. In 1795 this nobleman obtained an absolute avoidance of the outlawry which affected the title in his line, and judgment of reversal was entered in the Court of King's Bench in Hilary term of that year as of Michaelmas term, 1689, when it had been intended to be granted by King James.

From the back of Turvey house a bridle way leads by Beaverstown, also the estate of Lord Trim-

lestown ; between which and Rush is a tract of sand and mud, wide in the inside, but not more than 400 yards across, at the neck where the tide enters, and which could consequently be easily recovered from the sea. Along the verge of this warren the way continues into

PORTRANE,

the seat of Mr. George Evans, one of the present representatives for this county. His mansion-house is a spacious brick building, situated nearly in the centre of a fine deer-park. It commands prospects at the land side of nearly the whole of Fingal, while the seaward views are relieved and enlivened by the islands of Lambay and Ireland's Eye, the bold promontory of Howth, the projections of Portane and Rush, and the enchanting perspective of the Wicklow mountains. This demesne comprises some of the best lands in the county, and its plantations, though so much exposed, thrive with unusual vigour. Pretty avenues and paths have been designed through the woods, but they are latterly much neglected.

North of the demesne, on the shore, the thickly-ruined ruins of the church, and its large, square steeple, evince its former extent. Within the walls are the monuments of Mr. Adam Lynar, who died in 1722, and of Mr. Hampden Evans, who died in 1820, aged 80. The graveyard has no tombs of note. At a short distance hence a square tower of moderate dimensions marks the site of the old castle, formerly the residence of a branch of the family of Cusack of Rathal-

dron. The summit is attained by forty-eight stone steps, terminating in an angular watch tower which commands a most noble and extensive view.

“The shore at Portrane presents partly a surface of strand and partly of rocks, worn into recesses and caves by the action of the tides. The pier, hereafter mentioned, lies in ruins and unfrequented. The neighbouring rocks afford the *ulva lactuca*, oyster green laver; and the *ulva umbilicalis* navel laver; which, when boiled in sea water, are packed in little earthen pots, and sold under the name of sloke, being in highest season in winter.

“The rectory of Portrane being improperiate in William Ward and George Evans, the parish ranks as but a curacy. It extends over 2520A., 3R., 15P., and has been episcopally united, from time immemorial, with the vicarage of Dunabate, in which latter parish the church of the union is situated. The Archbishop of Dublin is the patron. In 1834 its population was returned as 729 persons, of whom 718 were Roman Catholics. This parish is chiefly laid out in tillage. The principal proprietors of the fee are Lord Trimlestown and the Archbishop of Dublin, Mr. Evans being but a tenant, of an expiring lease, under the see. The acreable rent, on modern lettings, is from £1 10s. to £2 per annum, the wages of labour only 6s. per week to those who get constant employment. A cabin without land is rented at about £1 10s. per annum. There is a corn-mill on the townland. Between the village and Dunabate is a grotesque edifice, erected by Mr. Evans, as a school-

house for boys and girls, 130 of whom received education there in 1834.

The chapel is situated at the junction of the two parishes of Portrane and Dunabate, which are also united in the Roman Catholic arrangement. This edifice is cruciform, situated in the centre of a burial ground, in which is a monument to the Rev. Peter Teeling, pastor during thirty years of this union, and who died in 1824 at the advanced age of 80. It was under his auspices the chapel was erected.

“ On the shore, in a subterranean cave, is a spring well known by the name of Chink-well, from the virtue tradition ascribes to it in the cure of chincoughs. In dribbling down the sides of the grotto this water forms, where it falls, stony incrustations of various figures and vast extent, which ferment strongly with spirit of vitriol.\*

“ Portrane and Dunabate form nearly a peninsula, being flanked on the north and south by inlets from the sea. The former is the more considerable elevation of the two, being separated from the latter by an intervening hollow. The eastern part of the headland of Portrane consists of transition rocks. In the south-eastern quarter under Portrane house, the hollow, which winds towards Dunabate, is occupied by red sandstone conglomerate, and this rock appears to constitute the whole of the rising ground of Dunabate, at the foot of which the new chapel may be seen, founded upon the sandstone. To the westward of Dunabate the country consists of floetz limestone, and

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\* Rutt's Mineral Waters, p. 483.

the western part of Portrane, on which the mansion stands, appears also to be composed in part of limestone, for in sinking a well there, seventy feet deep, fifty-nine feet passed through soil, and the last eleven feet were sunk in limestone; but this is probably connected with the transition rocks in the eastern quarter. The actual contact of the rocks here noticed cannot be traced, but from their general position it may be inferred that the sandstone conglomerate rests upon the transition series.

“The north side of Portrane headland exhibits rugged rocks, composed of massy unstratified greenstone, which extend to the eastward about fifty yards beyond the quay. This greenstone is commonly a compact felspar, coloured by hornblende, varying from a greyish green to a dark, blackish green. Sometimes, however, it is reddish brown, or brick red, and in patches siskin green. In some places it acquires the character of clay-stone, and in others the rock consists of ill-defined crystals of hornblende and felspar. Calcareous spar appears also disseminated in spots, increasing occasionally so much as to constitute nearly the mass of the rock. Disseminated iron pyrites likewise occur, and the greenstone is partly traversed by small, contemporaneous veins of calcareous spar and quartz, and in two instances by veins composed of a mixture of epidote and quartz. The greenstone is also porphyritic in some places, as near the western side of the quay. Proceeding along the coast the massy greenstone is perceived at low water, presenting a face which declines to the southward under an

angle of  $46^{\circ}$ , and within a few feet of it is a stratified conglomerate in a similar position, which, no doubt, rests upon it, the line of range being  $15^{\circ}$  north of east and south of west. This conglomerate consists of a base of compact greenstone slate merging into clay slate, and involving rounded and angular fragments of limestone, greenstone, and calcareous spar, and also pebbles of a mixture of greenstone and calcareous spar, and of conglomerate analogous in composition to that of the whole mass. Through the base a good deal of calcareous spar is disseminated, and sometimes also quartz. Some of the fragments are of the size of the head, and in general they affect a flattened form with rounded angles, but many of them appear as complete pebbles.

“This conglomerate or coarse greywacke, presents a rough aspect in the parts adjacent to the greenstone, but in proceeding to the south-eastward, we observe it to acquire a finer grain, though occasionally intermixed with a coarser-grained, and passing into a greywacke slate. It is succeeded by beds, which alternate with each other from a few inches to six and eight inches thick, composed of coarse-grained conglomerate greenstone and finer-grained conglomerate, all analogous in composition to those already described. We now encounter a conglomerate composed of angular and rounded masses of greenstone, cemented by calcareous spar, and this is succeeded by slaty, fine-grained conglomerate, into which it seems to pass. Limestone thus appears at first intermingled with greenstone and greywacke slate, and afterwards alternating with the latter rock. The range of the beds in this spot



is north-east and south-west, and the dip  $20^{\circ}$  south-east. The intermixture of limestone with the greywacke slate, is very distinct in the vertical section of the cliff, south of the martello tower, where we perceive numerous boulders, pebbles, and masses of limestone scattered through the rock, frequently affecting a nearly rectilinear disposition across the strata, and nearly at right angles with the dip.

“In a similar cliff adjoining on the south, this arrangement is still more striking, the limestone pebbles appearing in clustered masses of an irregular form, and occupying a space from a few inches to five and six feet wide, but also affecting a disposition at right angles with the dip of the greywacke slate. In a cave a little farther south, the limestone is seen in thin layers, seldom exceeding four or five inches in thickness, repeatedly alternating with the greywacke slate. The range is here  $10^{\circ}$  west of north and east of south, and the dip  $50^{\circ}$  towards the east. Farther south the alternating beds of limestone gradually acquire a greater thickness, but even here some of the beds consist of conglomerate, composed of large pebbles and angular fragments of limestone, cemented by greywacke slate. Limestone now predominates in massy strata, some of which are several feet in thickness, ranging  $20^{\circ}$  east of north and west of south, and dipping  $50^{\circ}$  towards the east. On these massy strata are incumbent, alternating beds of limestone and greywacke slate, some beds of the former substance being even four, five, and six feet thick. These rocks are much contorted, and, indeed, inflec-

tions prevail throughout the eastern part of this coast, whence arise the various range and dip already observed. In this quarter the beds lie almost horizontally, while the superior gradually acquire the high angle of  $50^{\circ}$ .

“ In a cove to the south a conglomerate appears, the base of which is a mixture of clay slate and limestone, enveloping pebbles and even boulders (two and three feet in diameter) of limestone, and of coarse greywacke, which consists of a clay slate base containing much limestone, calcareous spar, quartz, clay slate, and greywacke itself. In the southern part of this cove the limestone is seen supporting massy strata of fine-grained greywacke, four and five feet thick, and forming cliffs forty and fifty feet in height, but some of the strata are only a few inches or one or two feet thick. The line of junction is well marked by a thin seam of calcareous spar rising from the south to the north under an angle of  $15^{\circ}$ . In the lower strata the greywacke is a firm, compact rock, of fine grain, containing numerous small scales of silvery mica dispersed in all directions, sometimes also disseminated iron pyrites, and occasionally small fragments of clay slate. In the upper strata it merges into greywacke slate, and into clay slate. These slaty rocks frequently alternate with thin layers of limestone, from one inch to one-eighth or one-tenth of an inch in thickness, and they are also traversed by numerous small contemporaneous veins and strings of calcareous spar and quartz.

“ The diffusion of calcareous matter is so general

through the greywacke, greenstone, and slaty rocks of this coast, that few varieties can be found which do not effervesce with acids, even when nothing calcareous is visible to the eye. Rocks of this description, greywacke slate and clay slate, with thin layers of limestone and fine-grained greywacke, with massy beds of limestone and limestone conglomerate, now occupy the coast for a considerable distance to the southward in undulated stratifications, the slaty rocks forming the predominant superincumbent mass, while the general range is nearly east and west throughout. Compact greenstone now appears near the southern martello tower, some of which is porphyritic, and traversed by numerous contemporaneous veins of quartz. It is succeeded by fine-grained greenstone slate passing into clay slate, which contains fragments and spots of clay slate, quartz, and calcareous spar. This rock rests upon the compact greenstone, ranging east and west, and dipping  $45^{\circ}$  south. More south is met compact greenstone again resting upon the greenstone slate. It is porphyritic, and about one hundred yards from the martello tower, it consists entirely of greenstone porphyry, in which the felspar crystals are closely crowded together. But immediately under the tower we have greenstone slate again, similar to that before described. It seems nearly allied to the coarse clay slate or greenstone conglomerate, into which it probably passes, is of a mottled aspect, greenish or purplish in colour, and of this description is the whole rock south-east of the martello tower to the sea. To the south of the martello tower the beach is lined

with sand hillocks, which extend to the inlet from the sea that leads up to Malahide.

“In the higher grounds of Portrane, as in the park and toward the house, are perceived only rocks of an analogous description, the general range of which appears to be nearly east and west, agreeing with that on the coast, although in some places inflected. The prevailing dip is to the south, varying from  $50^{\circ}$  to an almost horizontal position, being also in some parts inflected. The limestone on this coast is bluish grey, and even blackish grey, and of a varying texture, compact, partly foliated, and even nearly granularly foliated. In its fracture it exhibits no distinct petrifications, yet when examined below the line where it has been acted upon by the sea, organic remains are displayed in the most marked manner protruding above the surface of the wasted stone. They consist principally of zoophites, with some bivalves. In the conglomerate rock under the pigeon-house at the park, (the base of which is a mixture of limestone and greenstone enveloping pebbles of limestone and greenstone,) bivalves, trochites, and madreporites may be observed.”\*

In 1040, according to the Black Book of Christ Church, Sitric, King of Dublin, gave to that establishment and to Donatus, Bishop of Dublin, a place where the arches or vaults were founded, to build the church of the Holy Trinity upon, and also endowed it with the lands of Beldoyle and Portrane, with their villeins, cattle, and corn.

In 1170 Earl Strongbow confirmed this grant, as did Archbishop Laurence O'Toole in 1178. Portrane is accordingly enu-

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\* Trans. of the Geolog. Soc. vol. v. p. 222, &c.

merated among the possessions of Christ Church in Pope Urban's bull of 1186. Pope Clement the Third, however, appears to have granted it to the see of Dublin, and, the archbishop having thereupon in 1197 asserted his claims, the canons of Christ Church compromised their title, on condition of receiving one hundred rabbits yearly out of the warren of Portrane, and in 1204 Patrick, the sub-prior of Christ Church, relinquished all rights of his house in Portrane and Lambay to Archbishop Comyn, on obtaining in lieu thereof Tilach, Dromin, and Ballochegan, and one carucate in Theholock.\* Soon after which the church of Portrane was appropriated by John, Archbishop of Dublin, for the proper uses of the Prioress of Grace Dieu,† and Archbishop Walter increased its revenues by grants of a house, a court, and a farm called Ballycammon.

In 1216 Pope Innocent the Third confirmed to the see of Dublin (*inter alia*) Portrane, with its appurtenances, as did King Edward in 1337, and King Richard while in Dublin in 1394. Accordingly in 1403 Thomas, Archbishop of Dublin, was found seised in his demesne as of fee in right of his church, of divers lands, rents, and services in Finglas, Rollestown, Portrane, Culleyn, &c.‡

In 1536 Sir John Barnewall, third Baron of Trimlestown, was constituted seneschal and receiver of a moiety of this with other manors, and the property, then acquired by him and by Sir Patrick Barnewall (ancestor of the Lords Kingsland) in this parish, is still in their family. For a notice of Portrane in 1537, see "Rush."

An inquisition of 1541 finds, that the last Abbess of Grace Dieu was seised, with other possessions, of the following rectories appropriated to her house, viz. Grace Dieu, annual value £3; Portrane, with a messuage and eighteen acres of land in Portrane belonging to the rectory, annual value £9 10s. A subsequent inquisition states her having a castle here, with divers buildings called the threshing-house, &c., with the parsonage, hemp-yard, and haggard. At this time a branch of the Cusack family was resident here.

In 1576 the queen granted to Francis Agard, Esq., one of the

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\* Regist. of Christ Church.

† Rept. Viride.

‡ Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

privy council, the church and rectory of Portrane, and all and singular castles, manors, tithes, and all hereditaments spiritual and temporal to said rectory belonging, at the annual rent of £8, and the render of a rose on St. John's day. At that time eighteen acres of land appertained to this rectory, there was also the castle in Portrane, a close east of the castle, and a house in ruins north of the old hall, a range of stables, the slaughter-house of the manor, also the kitchen, and "a long stretch of houses called the New Hall, in the south corner of which the chaplain to the said prioress had his chamber, and celebrated divine service in the parish church."

In 1608 Sir Henry Harrington of Grange-Con conveyed and assigned to Nicholas Ball of Dublin, alderman, the church and rectory of Portrane, with all tithes, &c. thereto appertaining, to hold to him and his heirs for ever.

In the Regal Visitation Book of 1615 Portrane is described as "a rectory and vicarage inappropriate, church and chancel in good repair, the profits sequestered for want of a curate." In the same year the king granted to Robert Kennedy and William Rowles of Dublin, as assignees of David Viscount Roche and Fermoy, (*inter alia*) Monangeragh, within the manor of Esker, 15A., the tithes of fish and lands of Portrane, parcel of the estate of the late monastery of Grace Dieu, 8A. in Miltown-Regis, within the manor of Newcastle, near the mill, with common of pasture and turbary.\*

According to the surveys taken at the time of the commonwealth, there were then 105A., plantation measure, of commons here. This tract has been since enclosed.

In 1665 William Usher was seised of the tithes of the fishery of Portrane, held of the king in free and common soccage, at an annual rent.† The whole tithes of the parish subsequently vested in the Ball family, and by the marriage of a daughter of that house with Richard Archbold of Eadstown, passed to him and his descendants. For a notice in 1697 see *post*, at "Dunabate."

In 1712 Portrane was the residence of the ill-fated Stella. Soon afterwards Eyre Evans, Esq., M. P. for the county of Li-

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

merick, settled here, and from him has the present proprietor descended.

In 1775 the Irish parliament granted £500 for a pier and quay here at the instance of Mr. Evans. At this period, the creeks and shores of Portrane were filled with smugglers to such a daring extent, that in 1771, in one seizure, seventy-five chests and twenty casks of green and bohea teas, and one hundred and eleven casks of brandy were taken there, while in the island of Dunabate eight hundred casks of tea and brandy were seized on the same occasion. The revenue officers and their assistants were besieged during twenty-four hours, in the barns where they stored their prizes, by upwards of five hundred smugglers completely armed, with white cockades in their hats, and carrying a white flag. A Captain Luske, however, whose vessel was off the neighbouring coast, getting intelligence of the transaction, landed a considerable part of his crew, defeated and dispersed the smugglers, and carried the seizure to the king's stores.

A private act of 1804 authorized the enclosing of the commons here and at Dunabate.

From Portrane house, a shady, wooded road winds through evergreens down into Dunabate. Pursuing, however, another direction, unguided by road or path, the historian will seek the locality of

#### CORBALLIES,

situated in this parish, the estate of the Barnewalls in the fourteenth century, afterwards that of John Burnell of Balgriffin, and in the seventeenth century the residence of Luke Netterville, the second son of Viscount Netterville, who in 1641, by proclamation made at the market place of Lusk, assembled on four days' notice, an armed militia of 1200 men at Swords. The Lords Justices required them on their allegiance to appear at the Castle, but they returned for answer, "that they were constrained to meet there together for the safety of their lives, that they were put in such great terror by the rising out of some horse-troops and foot-com-

panies at Dublin, who killed four Catholics for no other reason than that they bore the name of that religion, that they durst not as they pretended stay in their houses, and therefore resolved to continue together till they were assured by their lordships of the safety of their lives, before they run the hazard thereof, by manifesting their obedience due unto their lordships.\* The Lords Justices and Council subsequently offered a reward of £400 for the head of Netterville. He died during the civil war, leaving issue by his wife Mabel, daughter of Sir Patrick Barnewall of Turvey, two sons, Richard, who died young, and Francis, a colonel in the Irish army, whose issue also failed. On the death of their father, the parliament in 1648 granted the capital messuage, town, and lands of Corballies, with so much of his estate adjoining as should amount to £400 per annum English, to Anne, Lady Harcourt, widow of Sir Simon Harcourt, who lost his life in that war, and it is now part of the estate of Mr. Cobbe.

#### DUNABATE

succeeds, with the fine remains of its church and castle. The latter is a single square, situated in the churchyard, and thickly overgrown with ivy. The former was dedicated to St. Patrick. In its ruins are several sepulchral monuments, particularly one to the memory of Patrick Barnewall of Staffordstown, and his wife Begnet de la Hoyde, dated 1592, and another to Christopher Barnewall of Rathesker, who died in 1661, and which also bears inscriptions to his wife and their children. Near it in the same enclosure is a flat tombstone to Mr. Richard Fitz Simon, who died in 1709.

The present church which adjoins it is in tolerable order, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners having granted

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\* Temple's Irish Rebellion.



£84 7s. 6d. for its repair. It is situated on such a commanding eminence, as is always found in Irish denominations beginning with "Dun;" this of Dunabate signifies the high fortress of the bay. The interior is remarkably neat, the gallery has a handsomely-stuccoed cieling, and is appropriated for Mr. Cobbe's family. There is also a pew with the Trimlestown escutcheon over it. Within this church is a handsome marble monument to the memory of Doctor Cobbe, Archbishop of Dublin, who died in 1765; of whom see the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin." Adjacent to the church-yard is a glebe of about three acres, on which a glebe-house has been built by a grant of £100, and a loan of £320 from the Board of First Fruits.

The rectory being inappropriate in the Rev. Mr. Hamilton, this parish ranks as but a vicarage in the deanery of Swords, episcopally united from time immemorial with the curacy of Portrane, and in the gift of the Archbishop of Dublin. It compounded for its tithes at £220 per annum, of which £153 6s. 8d. was made payable to the lay impropriator, and the residue to the incumbent. The parish comprises 3641 A. 0 R. 23 P. chiefly used in tillage, while its population was returned in 1834 as 405 persons, of whom 337 were Roman Catholics. The number of labourers in the two parishes of Dunabate and Portrane are said to be 160, most of whom have constant employment. The wages of labour is from six to eight shillings per week. The rent of land here varies from £1 10s. to £2 per acre; that of a cabin, without land, is about £1 10s.

per annum. Mr. Cobbe and Lord Trimlestown are the chief proprietors of the fee. The soil may be said to rest upon clay slate.

About the year 1230 Dunabate, which was theretofore a chapelry annexed to Swords, was disunited therefrom by Archbishop Luke, and the rectory granted by him to the monastery of Grane.\* The vicarage was at that time indifferently called Turvey or Dunabate, and with such an *alias* is it described in 1240 in the presentation of Richard de St. Martin thereto, by the Archbishop of Dublin. See ante at "Turvey."

In 1310 the king, during the vacancy of the See of Dublin, presented William de Bathe to the vicarage of Dunabate.†

In 1419 Henry Marleburgh was vicar of Dunabate. He was so called as having been born at Marleburgh in Wiltshire. He wrote Annals of Ireland in Latin, which have since been translated into English, and are to be found at the close of Hanmer's Chronicle.

Archbishop Allen in the Repertorium Viride states this church as then still appropriate to the nuns of Grane. In 1539 the vicarage was rated to the First Fruits at £7 6s. 8d., Irish.

At the dissolution Egidia Wale, the last prioress of Grane, was found to have been seised of the rectories of Dunabate, Kilmacud, and Bray, which, with their tithes and emoluments, were, as the inquisition states, appropriated to said house. For a notice of the possessions of the de la Hoyde family in this parish, see at "Lough Shinny" in 1542.

In this and the following century the Luttrels had the rectory of Dunabate and the advowson of its church.‡ The Regal Visitation of 1615 reports the value of the vicarage as £15 per annum; John Ethridge being then its incumbent.

In the rebellion of 1641 Nicholas Hollywood forfeited his life interest in Balcarrick and Baltra in this parish comprising 264A., which passed in remainder to John Hollywood.§

In 1672 Charles, Viscount Fitz Harding, died seised of 117A.

\* Repertorium Viride.

† Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

‡ Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

§ Ib.

in Dunabate, which he held in free and common soccage.\* For a notice in 1673, see at "Esker."

In 1697 the Reverend Charles Ternan was returned as parish priest of the parishes of Dunabate and Portrane, and resident at Turvey. For a notice in 1804, see at "Portrane."

From Dunabate a pretty road leads by the shore of the Malahide creek, beyond which that village is seen, in white cottages scattered over its eminence. Presently Newbridge, the seat of Mr. Cobbe, appears at right, with the Turvey stream deepened into a river as it passes through it. Within this demesne are the ivied ruins of Laundestown Castle, while at a small distance to the left is the old burying-place of Ballymacdrought, near which was an ancient residence of the Walsh family.

#### LISSEN-HALL

next invites attention, a spacious house on the brink of a small creek.

A memorial of the lords of the Pale to King Henry the Fifth in 1417,† contains the following interesting passage referable to this locality. "On Monday in the Whitsunweek, at Lissenhall, Maurice O'Keating, chieftain of his nation, traitor and rebel to your our gracious Lord, for the great fear which he had of your said lieutenant, (Lord Furnival), for himself and his nation, yielded himself to the same your lieutenant without any condition, with his breast against his sword-point and a cord about his neck, then delivering to your said lieutenant, without ransom, the English prisoners which he had taken before, to whom grace was granted by indenture and his eldest son given in pledge, to be loyal lieges from thenceforward to you our Sovereign Lord."

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

† Ellis's Letters, New Series, vol. i. p. 60.

In and previous to this year, the Morres family were settled here. Subsequently, on the occasion of an Inquisition taken as to the possessions of the prebend or rectory of Swords, it was shewn that the demesne appropriated thereto was the Court of Lissenhall, with its orchard, garden, and lands. The lands of "*big* Lissenhall" were then accounted as 150A., while those of *little* Lissenhall were stated as 200.

For further notices of Lissenhall about this period, see *ante*, at "Swords," in the years 1541 and 1637.

In 1800 the glebe lands here were leased for £112 per annum.

Passing through Swords a picturesque road leads to Brazeel, at first ascending at the south of the churchyard, then passing on the edge of a terrace that overhangs the little river and glen of Brackenstown, with its mills in the depth of the wooded valley, and its mansion-house seen on the opposite ascent from the glen.

This house was formerly the residence of Viscount Molesworth, whose ancestor, Robert Molesworth of Brackenstown was one of those attainted in King James's parliament. He subsequently filled the office of ambassador from King William to the Court of Denmark, and ultimately was elevated to the Irish peerage by King George the First. He was the author of "An Account of Denmark," and more especially of "Considerations on the Agriculture and Employment of the Poor of Ireland." In this pamphlet his lordship deprecates the ruinous consequences of a tenant being suffered to deal with his farm as he pleases, for "that is what his laziness, his ignorance, or dishonesty prompts him to without regard to covenants." He recommends enactments restrictive of the courses of husbandry, the duration of leases, the extent of farms, the abolition of subletting, landjobbing and tithejobbing, the enclosure of commons, the establishment of agricultural schools in every county, the distribution of premiums to the best husbandmen, and the curtailment of holidays. On all which points he makes some very pertinent observations. "In

England," he says, "it is taken for granted that a tenant, who comes into a farm of good land with the grass side uppermost, at the usual rent of corn land in that country, and obtains liberty to break it up or make his best of it by ploughing it, has a profit during the first four years equal to the value of the inheritance of the land. Few landlords in this kingdom are sensible of this, and therefore do not provide accordingly."

In reference to the extent of farms, "twenty acres," he remarks, "rightly distributed and well husbanded, shall yield more profit to the tenant, and do no harm to the landlord, than a hundred acres, managed as in Ireland, with infinite damage to both." He strongly recommends the erection of public granaries, to prevent the ruinous advance in the price of provisions when years of scarcity occur, and where he speaks of the agricultural schools, he suggests that Tusser's old book of husbandry should be taught to the boys, as "the very best English book of good husbandry and housewifery that ever was published, fitted for the use of humble men and farmers, and ordinary families. In these schools," he says, "I would not have any precepts, difference, or distinction of religions taken notice of, and nothing taught but only husbandry and good manners, and that the children should daily serve God according to their own religions, this school not being the proper place to make proselytes in."

On his death in 1725 his eldest son, John, who had been envoy to the Duke of Tuscany in 1710, and to the King of Sardinia in 1720, acquired the title as second Viscount, but dying in the same year was succeeded by his brother Richard, the third viscount, who became a field marshal in the army, and general and commander-in chief of the forces in Ireland. He entered a volunteer in Queen Anne's reign, in 1702 received a commission in the Earl of Orkney's regiment, whose colours he carried at the battle of Blenheim, and on the eve of the battle of Ramillies was appointed aid-de-camp to the Duke of Marlborough, whom he rescued from the French, by mounting him on his horse, when run down by their cavalry. After a campaign of active and successful service, he was appointed a colonel in 1710, and with his regiment was sent into Spain where he fought under the Duke of Argyle and the great Staremberg, and on the breaking up of that

regiment at Minorca, his lordship devoted the remainder of his life to study. The water works at Chelsea were at this time carried on under his direction. In 1715 he was again called into military service, fought and was wounded at the battle of Preston. He died in 1758 and was succeeded in the title by his only son Richard, the fourth viscount.

Passing from Brackenstown, the ruins of the house of Brazeel appear at right.

On this townland, on the night of the battle of the Boyne, the Duke of Berwick rallied about 7000 foot, "of which he sent to acquaint King James, then in Dublin, and desired he would please to send him some horse and dragoons to enable him to make his retreat. The king accordingly ordered six troops of Luttrell's regiment of dragoons, and three of Abercorn's horse, (which were all he had but those newly arrived with the king), to march to the Duke's relief; but, as soon as it was night, that general found most of his gathering dispersed again, of which he sent an account."\*

Brazeel became subsequently the property of the Bolton family, of whom Edward Bolton, the founder of this line, was, for his attachment to the cause of King William, attainted in James's parliament, as was also Richard Bolton. The mansion was destroyed by fire some years since, at which time a unique portrait of Sir Richard Bolton is said to have been burned. He was formerly Lord Chancellor of Ireland, and in 1640 was impeached in the House of Commons as having assisted in the introduction of arbitrary government, by the assistance and countenance of the Earl of Strafford. In 1661, however, all records of this transaction were voted to be expunged, "inasmuch as they seemed to be an entrenchment upon the honour, worth, and integrity of honourable persons, whose memory this house cannot in justice suffer to be sullied with the least stain of evil report."

In November, 1647, Owen Roe O'Neill and Sir Thomas Esmonde, with their royalist forces, encamped here. See at "Castleknock."

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\* Clarke's Life of James the Second, vol. ii. p. 402.

## KNOCKSEDAN

presents the deserted remains of a once good inn and a large brick mansion, now inhabited by a Mrs. Aungier, overhanging a pretty glen watered by a winding rivulet.

Here is a very remarkable circular moat, from which the locality derives its name, Knocksedan, i. e. the hill of the quicksand. It is elevated about fifty feet over the river, and commands a most extensive view. Ware, in reference to this object in his time, says, "Numbers of human bones are now to be seen lying promiscuously in this mount, which was opened for gravel some years ago by the orders of Mr. Blair, on whose land it stands. Some curious gentlemen," he adds, "about two years ago discovered in it a human skeleton of a monstrous size, which measured from the ankle bone to the top of the cranium eight feet four inches, so that, allowing a proportionable extension from the ankle to the sole of the foot, and for the skin and flesh covering the cranium, as well as for the space occupied by the cartilages between the several bones in a living body, the person, to whom this body belonged, must have been not far short of nine feet high. The scull in the most solid part was better than a quarter of an inch thick, and the bones of the big toe were each of them two inches long, and three inches and a quarter in circumference. The dentes molares, or grinders, were also enormously big, and the tibia above twenty inches long.

The position of the head was to the north and south, and all the bones except the teeth were in a crumbling and decayed condition.”\* He conjectures that these remains were deposited there after the battle of Clontarf. There are two similar mounts within half a mile of this place.

These funeral mounts, so much resembling the raths, and equally numerous over the country, are by the Irish Annals, particularly those of the Four Masters, ascribed to the very highest antiquity. Indeed, they are “modelled after such a manner as wisely and effectually to answer the ends for which they were first designed, defying the injuries of the weather, and all the usual assaults of devouring time. They are raised on a large base, and gradually diminish as they advance upward, until at length they terminate at the top in a flat surface, and in the whole have the appearance of a cone. They differ in their dimensions and heights, according to the quality of the person for whom they were raised, as they do also in the materials composing them, some being made of earth only heaped together, and others of small, round paving stones with sand or earth mixed, and piled up in a high cone covered with a coat of green sods.”†

As they were often thrown up over those who fell in war, they became commemorative of places where battles were fought. The practice of raising such monuments over the dead, is one of the many aboriginal principles, which adhered to the different societies that diverged from the confusion of Babel ;

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\* Antiquities of Ireland, p. 150.

† Ib. p. 135.



such was the tomb of Patroclus, as described in the twenty-third book of the Iliad, such were the barrows of Achilles, Antilochus, Peneleus, Ajax Telamon, Æsytes, &c., such were the mounts mentioned by Herodotus as raised over the Scythian kings, such those described by Strabo as constructed by the Myrsians and Phrygians over the dead, such the monument of Dercennus who governed Laurentum before the arrival of Æneas in Italy, such the royal mounts noticed by Lucan, such the pile erected over Damaratus the Corinthian, as recorded by Plutarch in his life of Alexander, such the tomb on the banks of the Wolga mentioned by Adam Olearius in his travels into Muscovy and Persia, and the tombs in Westphalia and Friesland described by Keisler in his Northern Antiquities, and such were the funeral piles of earth erected by the Danes over their kings and heroes, and which, during the long establishment of that people in Ireland, became mixed with the corresponding memorials of the natives.

About the glen of Brackenstown and in its woods, the botanist will find *rosa arvensis*, white trailing dog-rose; *tilia Europæa*, common lime tree; *ranunculus auricomus*, goldylocks; *stachys palustris*, marsh woundwort; *geranium rotundifolium*, round leaved crane's-bill; *ulex Europæus*, common furze, the best fuel for heating ovens; *carex remota*, remote sedge; *carex pendula*, pendulous sedge; *carex pseudo-cyperus*, bastard cypress sedge; *polypodium aculeatum*, prickly polypody; *meruleus umbelliferus*, a delicate and minute species of mushroom; *agaricus elephan-*

*tinus*, which, when in perfection, is almost white, when cut becomes red, and when left to gradual decay becomes as black as if burned into charcoal; various other species of the *agaricus*, or mushroom; *boletus bovinus*, cow-spunk, the young plants of which are eaten as a great delicacy in Italy; the Russians, Poles, and Germans, also account them a dainty; *boletus igniarius*, touchwood spunk, used for tinder in some parts of England as also in Germany, while the Laplanders burn it round their habitations to keep off the gadfly from the young rein-deer, and the natives of Franconia are said to beat the inner substance into the form of leather and sew it together for garments; *boletus olivaceus*, *lichen olivaceus*, and *scrophularia aquatica*, water figwort, in the wet ditches.

More immediately near Knocksedan grow, *silene inflata*, bladder catchfly; *tilia Europæa*, common lime tree; and the *prunus cerasus*, wild cherry tree. The cherry tree obtained its name from having been brought into Europe from *Cerasus*, a city of Pontus, by Lucullus the Roman General, after his conquests in Asia, and was, perhaps, the only substantial fruit of the Mithridatic war.

At Knocksedan, a bold bridge of a single, tall, narrow arch is erected over the glen. At one side of it a bad bridle road, but carried over a terrace that prettily overhangs the continuation of the glen already alluded to, crosses the rivulet by a worse than Al-Sirat bridge, and, passing by an ancient mill, leads into the holy solitude of

## KILLEIGH,

a little ruinous village, on an uncultivated eminence, although within seven miles of the metropolis. Were the vicinity of this spot wooded, and its approaches made more practicable, it should be visited as a scene of much beauty and interest ; in its present state it is utterly unknown. Sir Thomas Staples has the fee of this townland, which he lets at the acreable rent of £1 10s. per annum.

The ruins of the church present chancel and nave, divided by a circular arch, with doorways, also circularly arched. The length of the chancel is ten yards, of the nave fifteen, the width of each being five yards. Ash trees flank and overhang the ruin, but, neither within its walls nor in the surrounding grave-yard, is there any tomb worthy of notice.

The churches of the ancient Christians, it may be here observed, were always divided into two parts, viz. the nave or body of the church, and the sacra-rium, since called the chancel, from its being divided from the nave by *cancelli latices*, or cross-bars. The nave was common to all the people, the chancel was peculiar to the priests and sacred officers, and was always placed at the east end of the church. In the chancel, the altar or communion-table was placed, which none were allowed to approach but such as were in holy orders, and the admission of the laity during the service, was expressly forbidden in the Greek church by the nineteenth canon of the Council

of Laodicea. In the service of the liturgy in the fifth year of Edward the Sixth, a clause was added at the end of the first Rubric, expressly enjoining that the chancels should remain as they had done in times past. It is, however, to be observed, that the right of a seat and sepulchre in the chancel, was a privilege appertaining to every founder of a church.

The parish, in which this place is situated, takes its name; comprises 807A. 2R. 4P. in three townlands, and was returned in 1834 as having a population of 166 persons, all Roman Catholics. The rectory being improper in the dean and chapter of St. Patrick's, this parish ranks as a curacy in the deanery and union of Swords.

At a very remote period this was one of the chapelries subservient to Swords, but, about the fifteenth century, was erected into a parish church, while its tithes were early appropriated to the economy of St. Patrick's.

In 1414 Robert Luttrell was the proprietor of lands in this parish, of which he was deprived by William Ashbourne and Richard Maddocks, who were subsequently convicted thereof and outlawed.\* The manor of Killeigh soon afterwards vested in the Hollywood family, and, on the marriage of Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Hollywood, passed to her husband Robert Burnell.†

In 1530 Allen styles Killeigh, "the most stately of all the chapels of Swords."‡

An inquisition of 1547 defines the extent of the tithes of the economy here, and computes their annual value as £4 13s. 4d.

The regal visitation of 1615 states this rectory to be improper. At which time, and previously, the Dillon family were the chief proprietors here, but in 1641 the inheritor, Luke Dillon, having joined the lords of the Pale, forfeited the whole townland

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

‡ Repertorium Viride.

of Killeigh, containing 160 acres, together with the water-mill there;\* the manor, however, continued to be in the Hollywood family. For a notice of Killeigh in 1627, see at "Hollywood."

In 1648 the tithes of Killeigh were demised to John Pue, Alderman and Mayor of Dublin, for twenty-one years; and in 1663 Lord Chief Baron Bysshe obtained a lease, for twenty-one years, of "the tithe of corn and hay, and the small tithes of Killeigh parish."

In 1666 John Hollywood, son and heir of Nicholas Hollywood of Artane, deceased, passed patent for Ballcarrig 375A., Baltra 67A., Westrew 68A., and the Moate of Killeigh 129A. statute measure; and in 1669, Lord Kingston had a grant of 80A. plantation measure here, with a water-mill and water-course.

For a notice of the tithes of Killeigh in 1681, see *ante* at "Malahide." In 1683 they were demised, with those of Skidow, to Henry Scardeville, Prebendary of Swords, with a saving to the curate, of the burials and £10 per annum salary.

A wild pathway, commencing at the before mentioned mill-head, leads hence to Chapel Midway, through a glen waving (12th of June) with scentless but graceful aquatic flowers, and overhung about midway by the ruinous remains of the old mansion-house of Westrew. Returning, however, through Knockseidan, crossing the lofty arch of its bridge, and leaving Brackenstown, and the now serrated walls, that once enclosed its demesne, at left, the course of the present excursion proceeds by some extensive remains of an old family mansion-house at Forest, which once belonged to the Armstrong family. Its ancient great doorcase is embodied in a farm-house. Beyond it at left is Fosterstown, formerly the seat of that true patriot Baron Hamilton, from which a bleak road conducts to

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

## PICKERSTOWN.

In 1359 Sir Elias Ashbourne was seised of various lands in Barbaderstown, Gadstown, "Pycotstown," Colwellstown, Brekdens-town, (Brackenstown,) Colyncoght, and Rath near Killossery, with certain premises in Cook-street, which were then estreated for debts due to the crown.

In the commencement of the seventeenth century, Robert Barnewall of Dunbroe, was seised of Pickerstown, Cowltree, and Barberstown, three messuages and eighty-two acres, which he held from the Archbishop of Dublin by fealty.\*

Hence to

## BALLYMUN,

anciently parcel of the manor of Santry. Here is one of the four Roman Catholic chapels in the union of Clontarf, and near it a school-house for children of both sexes. Here also a charter-school is still supported, the only one now existing in this county. (See *ante*, at "Santry.") Close to this a shady avenue leads into Santry.

For a notice of Ballymun in 1435, see "Santry."

In 1642 Edmund Barnewall died seised, by inheritance and in tail male, of the town and lands of Ballymun, four messuages and 180 acres, which he held of the king *in capite* by knight's service.†

In 1673 the tithes of Ballymun were granted to the Archbishop of Dublin and his successors, in trust for the incumbent, subject to the yearly rent of £1 10s.

The botany of Ballymun presents the *aira cespitosa*, turfy hair grass; *triticum repens*, couch grass;

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

*erythræa centaureum*, common centaury; *chenopodium album*, white goosefoot; *sium nodiflorum*, procumbent water parsnip; *pimpinella saxifraga*, common burnet saxifrage; *geranium Pyrenaicum*, mountain crane's bill; *geranium rotundifolium*, round-leaved crane's bill; *ulex Europæus*, common furze; *lathyrus pratensis*, yellow meadow vetchling; *trifolium filiforme*, slender yellow trefoil; *lotus corniculatus*, common bird's-foot trefoil; *hypericum quadrangulum*, square St. John's wort; *hypericum perforatum*, perforated St. John's wort; *apargia autumnalis*, autumnal hawk-bit; *senecio tenuifolius*, hoary ragwort.—In the ditches and hedges along the road sides, *festuca sylvatica*, slender wood fescue grass; *euonymus Europæus*, common spindle tree, the fruit of which is used in many places to decorate churches and rustic kitchens; *vinca minor*, lesser perriwinkle; *bunium flexuosum*, pig-wort; *ranunculus hederaceus*, ivy crowfoot; *lonicera periclymenum*, common honeysuckle, of which Darwin writes:

“Fair LONICERA prints the dewy lawn,  
And decks with brighter blush the vernal dawn;  
Winds round the shadowy rocks and pansied vales;  
And scents with sweeter breath the summer gales;”

*sanicula Europæa*, wood sanicle; *smyrnium olusatrum*, Alexanders; *prunus spinosa*, sloe; *pyrus aucuparia*, mountain ash, with its beautiful clusters of orange berries; *rosa canina*, dog rose, perhaps the most elegant of our roses; *rubus corylifolius*, hazel-leaved bramble; *fragaria vesca*, strawberry; *ajuga reptans*, common bugle; *vicia sepium*, common bush

vetch; *hypericum androsæmum*, tutsal; *sparganium ramosum*, branched bur-reed.—In the fields, *lolium perenne*, rye-grass; *allium vineale*, crow garlic; *luciola campestris*, field wood-rush; *lychnis flos cuculi*, ragged robin; *galeopsis tetrahit*, common hemp-bane; *euphorbia exigua*, dwarf spurge.—In the woods, *geum urbanum*, common avens; *tilia Europæa*, common lime-tree; *ranunculus auricomus*, goldilocks; and on the old walls and roofs of houses, *hedera helix*, ivy; *glechoma hederacea*, ground ivy; *sempervivum tectorum*, house-leek.

Proceeding from Ballymun to Glasnevin, in a sweet situation at the right off the road is Claremount Deaf and Dumb Institution, founded in 1816. It is a large and commodious establishment, with eighteen acres and a half of ground attached, for which £220 annual rent is paid. The master has a salary of £125 per annum with apartments, the assistant £40 with board and lodging. The charge here for pupils is at the highest £22 15s., but the majority are supported gratuitously. In 1826 there were reported, as on this establishment, twenty-six males and nineteen females, of which total, eleven were Protestants, one Presbyterian, and thirty-one Roman Catholics, if, indeed, such religious distinctions could be attributed to persons of their capacities. New schoolrooms and dormitories have been since erected, and the Institution can now accommodate about 160, a number which it may be considered as having, as the candidates for admission, together with the 120 now (May, 1836) in the house, actually exceed that number.



In 1828 George Devoy willed, that the interest of two 6 per cent. Grand Canal debentures should be applied for the use of this establishment; and in 1832 George Nugent made a similar bequest of the interest of £50.

Out of school hours the pupils are employed in useful works, contributing either to their health or to the formation of industrious habits. The boys in gardening, farming, tailoring, shoemaking, and other mechanical labours; the girls in needlework, housewifery, laundry work, and dairy management. The buildings, yards, and grounds are so arranged, that the boys and girls in the poor establishment have distinct schoolrooms and playgrounds, besides the master has entirely separate apartments and walks for his own family, and for private pupils of both sexes, who are either deaf and dumb, or afflicted with impediments in speech.

Although the calamity of the visitation is scarcely perceptible in the facility, with which those affected by it here communicate and receive ideas, and although even the inanimate countenance and languid look, which peculiarly accompany their privations, are not here observable, yet is the appearance of a silent school and dumb preceptors an object too unique, to fail exciting the deepest interest. Numbers of pupils have already passed through this institution into the world, and are now taking their part in the industry and enjoyments of this life, and pursuing those moral duties and exercises, which will insure their welfare in the next.

The Abbé de l'Epée, one of those pious and excellent men whom heaven designed to bless mankind, was the founder of the first establishment for the relief of this class of persons, and the inventor, to a great degree, of the system for their education. A very remarkable account, connected with his benevolent practice in this line, afforded the plot of a little French play, since translated into the English, and entitled, "Deaf and Dumb." Passing hence by Hampstead, where within the last eight years Doctor Eustace established a lunatic asylum for a few patients, the tourist reaches the classical village of

#### GLASNEVIN,

once the residence of the celebrated Doctor Delany, where that learned divine assembled his coterie of wits in the Augustan age of Queen Anne; where the patriot Dean and the beautiful and enduring Stella have charmed the feast; where Southern has frequently sojourned; and in whose immediate vicinity Addison, Sheridan, Parnell, and Tickell have resided.

This village may be considered as divided into the old and the new town, both sweetly situated; but the former, though once so recommended and frequented for the salubrity of its air, is, with the exception of four or five houses, a range of ruins. The river Tolka, over which there is a fine bridge, divides them; the new being on the Dublin and improving side: the great objects of interest are, however, in the old.

The church is a plain edifice, but the identical one, with little alteration, in which Dean Delany officiated. A flag in the wall, near the entrance, states that it was rebuilt in 1707. On the floor near the communion table, is a stone commemorative of Andrew Caldwell, who died in 1710; and in the adjacent part of the outer church-yard are the tombstones of several of his descendants. Within the church are also mural slabs, one of white marble, to the memory of George Cockburn, who died in 1773; and near it another for William Orr Hamilton, barrister at law, who died in 1817, aged thirty-six.

In the grave-yard are very many monuments worthy of notice: one to the once well known Doctor Barret, a man no less learned than eccentric. He wrote memoirs of Swift, principally in reference to his progress through that only world of the Doctor's contemplation, Trinity College. By his will in 1821, after bequeathing certain pecuniary legacies and annuities therein particularly mentioned, he devised the whole residue of his property, which was very considerable, to trustees, "for the purpose of contributing towards the relief of the sick and indigent, the poor and naked, without favour or partiality." Near him lies Sir Henry Jebb, a physician of the less guilty class, who contributed rather to the births than the deaths of the community. Inserted in the outer gable wall of the church is a slab, to the memory of George Clayton, who died in 1695, and to Walter Fitz Simons, who died in 1699; while in a corner of the church-yard is a large monumental stone, com-

memorative of the before-mentioned Doctor Delany and his lady. She had been first married to Richard Tenison, and died in 1741. The Doctor had been a Senior Fellow of Trinity College, afterwards Dean of Down, and died in 1768. The position of this monument is singularly impressive. It is inserted in the boundary wall, that divides the Doctor's ancient demesne from the grave-yard ; in the side wall of that very temple hereafter mentioned, which his wife had so affectionately decorated, and where they both had passed the happiest hours of social and domestic enjoyment. Poussin's celebrated picture of Arcadia, the moral sublimity of the tomb in its perspective, and the touching epitaph, "I too was in Arcadia," could not be more powerfully illustrated than on this occasion. It was a scene to affect the deepest feelings, and, as the foot glided through the luxuriant herbage of the churchyard, a tremulous and awful sensation seemed to suggest, that the matter, which once composed the frames of those whose graves were beneath, was now, by some vegetable transmigration, freshening in the grass, blooming in the flowers, or drooping in the shrubs above them.

On the central elevation of this deserted village is Delville House, the classic residence alluded to. A tall close gate and wall conceal it from the view of prying curiosity ; but these obstacles once removed, and the mind's eye is rapidly attracted by the ancient edifice with its bower window ;—the old garden walls thickly flowering with the wild snap dragon ;—the gracefully undulated grounds ;—the broad terrace on

which the peripatetics of another day have glided and philosophized ;—the magnificent trees on the brink of the rivulet ;—the fine mount and the turret overlooking the business of the distant city, the beauties of the intervening country, and more solemnly glancing over the churchyard where its remembered owner lies ;—the dark vault beneath that turret, where the first impression of the Legion Club is supposed to have been printed ;—the temple, with its fresco painting of St. Paul, and its medallion of the bust of Stella, by Mrs. Delany ;—the inscription on the frieze at its front, “ Fastigia despicit urbis,” attributed to Swift, and supposed to allude to the situation of this villa ;—the temples scattered through the little demesne ;—the rustic bridges ;—the bath ;—the lonely willow, dropping its feathery wreaths into the water, amidst the lilies that floated around it ;—the venerable mulberry tree ;—its surrounding compeers of aged elms and yews and ever-green oaks—all powerfully marked the taste and elegance that formed and enlivened this scene.

Yet could not Dean Swift’s mock description of the whole, addressed to its proprietor, be wholly forgotten :—

“ Would you that *Deville* I describe ?—

Believe me, Sir, I will not gibe ;

For who would be satirical

Upon a thing so very small !

You scarce upon the borders enter,

Before you’re at the very centre.

A single crow would make it night,

If o’er your farm he took his flight :

Yet in the narrow compass we  
Observe a vast variety ;  
Both walks, walls, meadows, and parterres,  
Windows and doors, and rooms and stairs,  
And hills and vales, and woods and fields,  
And hay, and grass, and corn it yields ;  
All to your haggard brought so cheap in,  
Without the mowing or the reaping ;  
A razor, though to say't I'm loth,  
Might shave you and your meadow both.  
Tho' small your farm, yet here's a house  
Full large—to entertain a mouse,  
But where a rat is dreaded more  
Than furious Caledonian boar ;  
For if 'tis entered by a rat,  
There is no room to bring the cat.  
A little riv'let seems to steal  
Along a thing you call a vale,  
Like tears a-down a wrinkled cheek,  
Like rain along a blade of leek ;  
And this you call your sweet meander,  
Which might be suck'd up by a gander,  
Could he but force his rustling bill  
To scoop the channel of the rill ;  
I'm sure you'd make a mighty clutter,  
Were it as big as city gutter.  
Next come I to your kitchen garden,  
Which one poor mouse would fare but hard in ;  
And round this garden is a walk  
No longer than a tailor's chalk ;  
Thus I compute what space is in it,  
A snail creeps o'er it in a minute !  
One lettuce makes a shift to squeeze  
Up through a tuft you call your trees ;  
And once a year a single rose  
Peeps from the bud, but never blows :  
In vain then you expect its bloom ;  
It cannot blow for want of room.

In short, in all your boasted seat  
There's nothing but yourself is—great.”

Notwithstanding the ridicule of this description, those gardens and walks were laid out by Doctor Delany, in concert with the celebrated Doctor Helsham ; while Walker praises the demesne, as the first “ in which the obdurate and straight line of the Dutch was softened into a curve, the terrace melted into a swelling bank, and the walks opened to catch the vicinal country.”

In 1732 Swift, writing to Pope, makes the following mention of Doctor Delany's mode of living here, after his marriage with the Widow Tenison.—“ Doctor Delany behaves himself very commendably, converses only with his former friends, makes no parade, but entertains them constantly at an elegant, plentiful table, walks the streets as usual by daylight, does many acts of charity and generosity, cultivates a country-house about two miles distant, and is one of those very few within my knowledge, on whom a great access of fortune hath made no manner of change, and particularly, he is as often without money as he was before.”——And again : “ Doctor Delany is the only gentleman I know who keeps one certain day in the week to entertain seven or eight friends at dinner, and to pass the evening, where there is nothing of excess either in eating or drink.” In a letter of the following year, the Dean writes to Mrs. Pendarves, “ The cold weather, I suppose, has gathered together Doctor Delany's set ; the next time you meet, may I beg the favour to make my compliments acceptable.

I recollect no entertainment with so much pleasure as what I received from that company. It has made me very sincerely lament the many hours of my life that I have lost in insignificant conversation." The winter meetings were, however, principally held at the Doctor's town residence in Stafford-street, as appears from a letter of Mrs. Pendarves in 1735; "I am sorry the sociable Thursdays, that used to bring together so many agreeable friends at Doctor Delany's, are broke up. Though Delville has its beauties, it is more out of the way than Stafford-street."

With all these eloquent appeals of sensation and reflection, the spectator seems influenced by a spell that wafts him up the stream of time, leads him into a bygone century, and even identifies the rustic seat, on which he moralizes, with the same era of "auld lang syne." The graves give up their dead, and Banquo's chair was not so spiritually filled, as that same seat on which he fancies the silent worthies crowding, as erst in life they might have crowded. The Athenian madman, however, was not more vexatiously undeceived, than was the author of these pages, when, with the full and wilful enjoyment of this luxury, the unlettered gardener, referring his uncontrollable admiration to the ingenious structure of the seat itself, proudly announced it as the recent production of his own hands. It was the dissolution of a spell, and,

———"What seemed corporal  
Melted as breath into the wind."

Even with such a repulse from the former man-



sion of the Dean, there is yet another object in the village, which perpetuates his memory,—a small, circular building of two stories, near the bridge, containing a male and female school, with a small endowment from his bounty. There is also a Sunday-school here for children of both sexes, to which the Bishop of Kildare allows £10 per annum. The number of pupils in the latter establishment was reported in 1834 to be thirty-five. Opposite the latter structure is an alms-house, established in 1723, where four poor widows are lodged, and receive each 1s. 8d. weekly.

Near this, on the bank of the river, are quarries of that species of limestone called blackstone or calp, a substance in some measure peculiar to the county of Dublin, and supposed to form the general sub-soil of the city. It is usually found under a bed of vegetable mould and layer of limestone gravel, and commences with black limestone, in some places separated by layers of argillaceous schist, which descends into calp by an imperceptible transition.

At the Dublin side of the village is a weaving establishment of twelve looms for sail-cloth and canvass.

Half the rectory of Glasnevin being inappropriate in the precentor, and the other half in the chancellor of Christ Church, the parish ranks as but a curacy in the deanery of Finglas, to which those dignitaries alternately present. It extends over 999A. 3R. 21P. plantation measure, comprising three townlands, and has compounded for its tithes at so high a rate as £184 per annum, some parts being assessed thereto

at 8s. 2d. per acre. In the Catholic dispensation the parish is in the union of Clontarf. Its population in 1834 was returned as 964 persons, of whom 585 were Roman Catholics. The great part of the land in the parish belongs to the Bishop of Kildare as Dean of Christ Church, from which, and even earlier appropriations of the denomination to the uses of the church, it appears to have derived its name of Glasnevin, i. e. the verdant consecrated ground. The acreable rent is seven guineas in the immediate neighbourhood of the village, lessening in the more remote parts to £3; the wages of labour is from seven to nine shillings per week.

As to the extent of the manor of Glasnevin, see *post* at "Grangegorman," by which name it is more usually called.

In 544 the Annals of the Four Masters record the death of Berchan, Abbot of Glasnoidhen,\* to whom are ascribed some Irish prophecies, and a small poem in praise of St. Brigid.

In 745, say the Annals of Ulster, died Cialltrogh, Abbot of "Glasnoidhen."

In 1178 Archbishop Laurence O'Toole granted to the church of the Holy Trinity, i. e. Christ Church (*inter alia*), a third part of Cloghnei, a third part of Killallin and Lesluan, "Glasneoden," Magdurnia, &c., which gift was confirmed in 1179 by Pope Alexander the Third, as of "Glasneden with the mill." Accordingly in Pope Urban's Bull of the year 1186, Glasnoiden, with its church, is enumerated amongst the possessions of Christ Church, and its right thereto was confirmed by King John in 1200, and by Archbishop Luke in 1240, as "the Grange of Glasnevin, with the church and appurtenances." This church was dedicated to St. Maplas, or as the Repertorium Viride styles him, St. Movus.

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\* This locality is, however, by some referred to the county Kildare.

In the taxation of the revenues of Christ Church in 1306, the manor of Glasnevin, therein stated as containing three carucates of land, was rated with its tithes at forty-eight shillings,\* and it is observable, that it is there rated distinctly from "the Grange of Gorman."

In 1610 John Bathe had a grant of certain premises here, the tithes being specially excepted.

The regal visitation of 1615 states the rectory as still inappropriate to the church of the Holy Trinity, that Richard Wyburne was curate, and that the church and chancel were then in good repair.

In 1634 John Bathe died seised of eighty acres in Glasnevin *alias* Clonmell, which he held by fealty only.†

In 1666 James Duke of York had a grant of Glasnevin 230A. plantation measure, Stuckcoole 120A. like measure, &c. &c.

In 1702 the administratrix of Maurice Berkley made claim (at Chichester House), and was allowed a leasehold interest in part of Glasnevin.

In 1703 Isaac Holroyd of Dublin, merchant, had a grant of the residue of a term for years of the lands called Draycot's farm in Glasnevin 41A., the estate of Michael Chamberlain attained. For a notice of Glasnevin in 1782, see "Santry."

Some time since, in removing the lumber in one of the out offices of Delville house, a printing-press was discovered concealed among it, which, according to tradition, was used here in 1735 in giving to the world the first edition of Swift's "Legion Club." It is generally understood, that this bitter satire was not printed in Dublin, as no one there would undertake its publication, and, as the Dean passed the summer of 1735 at Delville, and the work appeared in 1736, the tradition appears to have some foundation.

In 1759 the Right Honourable Henry Singleton, Master of the Rolls, and who had previously been Chief Justice of the Common Pleas in Ireland, was interred here.

In 1785 Mr. John Rogerson, in his bequest to the Incorporated Society (before alluded to in the "General History of the

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\* Black Book of Christ Church.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

County of Dublin"), left about sixteen acres in Glasnevin (*inter alia*) for that object.

In reference to its indigenous botany, Glasnevin presents *salvia verbenaca*, wild clary; *avena flavescens*, yellow oat grass, perhaps some of the finest pasturage of the meadow; with its most congenial companion, *hordeum pratense*, meadow barley; *tritium repens*, couch grass; *scabiosa succisa*, devil's bit scabious; *sherardia arvensis*, little field madder; *galium palustre*, white water bed-straw; *galium aparine*, goose grass; *alchemilla arvensis*, parsley piert; *potamogeton pusillum*, small pond weed, floating on the surface of the water, and affording an agreeable shelter to the fish; *myosotis palustris*, forget-me-not; *myosotis arvensis*, field scorpion-grass; *lithospermum arvense*, corn gromwell, flowering in May, the bark of its root tinges wax and oil of a beautiful red; *primula vulgaris*, common primrose—its leaves are found to serve for feeding silkworms; *primula veris*, cowslip; *anagallis arvensis*, common scarlet pimpernel; *convolvulus sepium*, great bindweed; *viola tricolor*, pansy violet; *verbascum thapsus*, great mullein, which is said to intoxicate fish, so that they may be caught with the hand; the down also is used for tinder; *chenopodium bonus Henricus*, mercury goose-foot; *torilis nodosa*, knotted hedge parsley; *scandix pecten veneris*, shepherd's needle; *fumaria officinalis*, common fumitory; *fumaria capreolata*, climbing fumitory; *vicia cracca*, tufted vetch; *trifolium filiforme*, slender yellow trefoil; *lotus corniculatus*, common bird's-foot trefoil; *euphorbia helioscopia*,

sun spurge; *alchemilla vulgaris*, lady's mantle; *blitum perenne*, English mercury; *heracleum spondylium*, cow parsnip, the stalks of which the Russians not only prepare for food, but also procure from them a very intoxicating spirit; *allium carinatum*, mountain garlic; *allium vineale*, crow garlic, which communicates a rank taste to the milk and butter; *rumex crispus*, curled dock, a troublesome and unprofitable weed; *rumex acutus*, sharp dock; *rumex acetosella*, sheep's sorrel; *polygonum amphibium*, amphibious persicaria; *polygonum persicaria*, spotted persicaria; *polygonum convolvulus*, black bind weed; *lythrum salicaria*, purple loose strife; *pyrus malus*, wild apple-tree; *spiræa ulmaria*, meadow sweet; *rubus corylifolius*, hazel-leaved bramble; *papaver somniferum*, white poppy; *anemone Appennina*, mountain anemone, flowering in March, a very ornamental plant; *ranunculus auricomus*, goldilocks; *lamium amplexicaule*, henbit dead-nettle; *clinopodium vulgare*, common basil; *thlaspi arvense*, pennycress; *sisymbrium sophia*, fine-leaved hedge mustard.

In the adjoining ditches, the unproductive exhausting *agrostis alba*, marsh bent grass; the luxuriant sweet and succulent *aira aquatica*, water hair grass, the grass which is supposed to contribute chiefly to the sweetness of Cottenham cheese, and the fineness of Cambridge butter; *sium nodiflorum*, procumbent water parsnip; *epilobium hirsutum*, great hairy willow herb; *myrrhis temulenta*, rough cow parsley; *smyrnium olusatrum*, Alexanders; *viburnum opulus*, guelder rose, which, when in bloom, exhibits

a singularly fine appearance ; *ranunculus flammula*, lesser spearwort crowfoot ; *mentha hirsuta*, hairy mint ; *hypericum quadrangulum*, square St. John's wort ; *sparganium ramosum*, branched bur-reed.— On the walls and dry grounds, *veronica arvensis*, wall speedwell ; *valeriana rubra*, red valerian ; *glyceria rigida*, hard sweet grass ; *parietaria officinalis*, wall pellitory ; *hedera helix*, ivy ; *rumex scutatus*, French or garden sorrel, its leaves are of a gratefully acid flavour ; *antirrhinum majus*, great snap-dragon ; *cheiranthus fruticosus*, wall flower.—In the hedges, *melica uniflora*, wood melic grass, a beautiful little sylvan plant, and perhaps the earliest of our grasses ; *solanum dulcamara*, woody nightshade or bitter sweet, flowering in September ; *lonicera periclymenum*, common honeysuckle ; *geum urbanum*, common avens ; *geranium Robertianum*, herb Robert ; *hypericum androsæmum*, tutsal ; *stachys sylvatica*, hedge woundwort ; *vicia sepium*, common bush-vetch ; —On the road sides and banks, *centaurea nigra*, black knap-weed ; *arum maculatum*, cuckow pint ; *centaurea scabiosa*, greater knap-weed ; *orchis pyramidalis*, pyramidal orchis.

In the meadow pastures and cultivated fields, *veronica serpyllifolia*, smooth speedwell ; *veronica agrestis*, germander chickweed ; *fedia olitoria*, lamb's lettuce ; *aira cæspitosa*, turfy hair grass, the roughest and coarsest grass that grows in pastures and meadows ; *chenopodium album*, white goosefoot ; *chenopodium ficifolium*, fig-leaved goosefoot ; *bunium flexuosum*, pig-nut ; *orchis maculata*, spotted palmate orchis ; *euphorbia peplus*, petty spurge ; *stachys am-*

*bigua*, ambiguous woundwort.—In the waste grounds, *veronica hederifolia*, ivy-leaved speedwell; *sagina procumbens*, procumbent pearl-wort; *carduus acanthoides*, welshed thistle; *gnaphalium germanicum*, common cudweed; *anthemis cotula*, fetid chamomile; *urtica urens*, small nettle; *atriplex patula*, halbert-leaved orache; *atriplex angustifolia*, narrow-leaved orache; *reseda luteola*, yellow weed; *papaver dubium*, long smooth-headed poppy; *lamium album*, white dead nettle; *cochlearia armoracea*, horse radish; *brassica napus*, rape; *crepis tectorum*, smooth hawk's beard.—In the watery places and streams, *angelica sylvestris*, wild angelica; *allium ursinum*, ramsons; *cnicus palustris*, marsh plume-thistle; *tussilago farfara*, colt's foot.—In the Bishop of Kildare's woods, *festuca sylvatica*, slender wood fescue grass; *bromus erectus*, upright brome grass; *bromus asper*, wood brome grass; *rumex sanguineus*, red-veined dock.—In the adjacent old quarries, *convolvulus arvensis*, small bind weed; *daucus carota*, wild carrot; *ægopodium podagraria*, herb gerarde; *pimpinella saxifraga*, common burnet saxifrage; *trifolium procumbens*, hop trefoil.—In shady places, *glechoma hederacea*, ground ivy.

In the corn fields, *brassica campestris*, wild naven; *sinapis arvensis*, wild mustard; *raphanus raphanistrum*, wild radish; *galeopsis tetrahit*, common hemp-nettle.—On the road sides, *potentilla reptans*, creeping cinquefoil; *senebiera coronopus*, swine's cress; *cardamine hirsuta*, hairy ladies' smock; *sisymbrium iris*, London wild rocket, so called, because it was

supposed to have been generated about London by the great fire in 1666; *bromus mollis*, soft brome grass, the common offspring of bad husbandry and exhausted soils; *bromus sterilis*, barren brome grass; *avena pubescens*, downy oat grass; *hordeum murinum*, wall barley, a plant, which, when it intrudes in upland grass fields, is most destructive, and the hay in such cases is almost rejected by cattle, as the sharp spines that constitute the beard attach themselves to the mouth of the animal, causing irritation and pain, and teaze the beast, instead of nourishing him; *galium verum*, yellow bedstraw; *equisetum arvense*, corn horse-tail; *centaurea nigra*, black knapweed; *arum maculatum*, cuckow pint.—On the banks of the river, between Glasnevin and Drumcondra, *vinca major*, greater periwinkle: and, on the ditches between this and Finglas Bridge, *campanula trachelium*, nettle-leaved bell flower; *vinca major*, greater periwinkle; *torilis anthriscus*, upright hedge parsley; *rubus glandulosus*, glandular bramble.

At the city side of the village are

#### THE BOTANIC GARDENS

of the Royal Dublin Society, a most interesting object, situated where was once the demesne of Tickell the poet, the literary executor of Addison, and who came to Ireland as his assistant, when he was secretary to the Earl of Sutherland in 1714. In 1725 Tickell was himself appointed secretary, an office which he filled until his death in 1740. This place was pur-



chased, subject to a ground rent, for the sum of £2000, from his representatives, for the scientific objects to which it is devoted.

The entrance lodges and connecting gates were erected by a donation of £700 from Mr. Pleasants, and are very handsome. The gardens and their appendages occupy a space of thirty acres, the river Tolka forming a sweeping boundary at one side. They stand on limestone gravel with a very thin covering of soil, and are enriched with almost every known species of flowers, shrubs, trees, and plants, arranged in their proper classes, and also contain a curious collection of exotics, preserved in glass-houses heated to the temperature of their respective constitutions. "One of these," says the present able Professor of Botany, Doctor Litton, in a letter which he has communicated on the subject, "has been enlarged, and exhibits one of the most beautiful groups of the vegetable forms that can be seen. Many valuable herbaceous plants," he adds, "and some beautiful trees have recently been introduced into the open ground, which, it is hoped, will, in a few years, add as much to the scientific value as to the picturesque beauty of the garden."

Doctor Wade may be said to have been the founder of this establishment. He drew up a memorial to the Irish parliament, upon which various sums have been granted for the object, and acts passed for its maintenance and regulation, from the thirtieth to the thirty-eighth year of the reign of George the Third. Certainly no institution could have been de-

vised more important, in a medical and agricultural view, than this colony of plants and flowers. Its utility had been long previously experienced in Sweden, where, with a climate and soil so unfavourable, by the philosophy of Linnæus's botanical garden, they naturalized a greater variety of trees, shrubs, corn, and grasses, than has been effected in most of the southern climates.

"The plants," says Cromwell, in his excursions through Ireland, "are tastefully subdivided into compartments, insulated in green swards, and communicating by pathways, the intervals being filled with scattered shrubs, so that, while the most regular classification is actually preserved, and all the series follow in such succession, that the most minute can be immediately found, the whole presents an appearance of unstudied yet beautiful confusion." The arrangement and contents of the entire grounds may be conceived from the following detail, as chiefly supplied by Doctor Litton.

#### 1. HORTUS LINNÆENSIS,

divided into *plantæ herbaceæ* and *fructicetum et arboretum*, comprising not less than six acres, and situated in the centre of the grounds, admirably illustrating the system of the great naturalist whose name it bears.

#### 2. HORTUS BRITANNICUS,

affords an extensive collection of plants indigenous in the British islands.

## 3. HORTUS ESCULENTUS,

devoted to the experimental cultivation of such plants as are adapted to culinary purposes, and subdivided into those used for their roots, stalks or leaves, flowers, fruit or seeds, or for their leguments or pods. "This department," says Doctor Litton, "has been latterly much improved, and an orchard added, containing a good collection of the hardy fruit trees, with most of their important varieties."

## 4. HORTUS MEDICUS,

containing every plant considered to possess medical properties.

## 5. HORTUS RUSTICUS,

subdivided into natural and artificial grasses.

## 6. AQUARIUM LACUSTRE ET PALUSTRE,

a comparatively recent addition. A sheet of water 200 yards in length, but of irregular breadth, has been obtained by excavating the bank of the Tolka, and admitting its water into a little pond covered with aquatics, as are its swampy shores with marsh plants and heaths. American pines and other natives of a transatlantic soil flourish on the banks of this interesting aquarium, and of another, yet more modern, filled by the hydraulic machine hereafter mentioned.

## 7. CRYPTOGAMIA.

The results in this division of the garden have not

been commensurate with the expectations originally formed, although the spot selected, being a bank descending rapidly to the river, and studded with high trees to an actually gloomy degree, appears as adapted to the natural propensities of this tribe of plants, as any that could be chosen.

#### 8. FLOWER GARDEN,

not remarkable either for the beauty or variety of its productions.

#### 9. HOT HOUSES AND CONSERVATORIES FOR EXOTICS.

The contents of this department are no less remarkable for variety than beauty : the Cactus Grandiflora, which blows only in the night, and the Dombœia or Pine of Norfolk Island, which, in its native soil, attains the altitude of 200 feet, are, perhaps, the most deserving of remark. A dome has been constructed round the latter, capable of any degree of elevation to which the plant can rise.

The appearance of the grounds and arrangement of the plants have latterly undergone some advantageous alteration. An hydraulic engine has been constructed for raising water from the river for the use of the grounds ; many new walks have been formed, and the old reduced so as to afford more space for cultivation ; and rock work has also been formed in many parts, for exhibiting the species appropriated to this class of stations. A spot, called the Mill Field, on the north side of the river Tolka, has been recently

connected with these gardens, partially planted with willows as a salicetum, and otherwise employed for agricultural purposes. The Professor's house, which contains the botanical lecture room, and which was the residence of Tickell, happily remains unchanged. The annual expense of supporting these gardens has been stated as varying from £1500 to £2000 per annum, including salaries to the Professor, superintendent, two assistants, twelve gardeners, six apprentices, rent, and casual expenditure for alterations, repairs, the purchase of plants, tools, &c. &c.

There is not a scene in the vicinity of Dublin more instructively pleasing than this. Even he, who is unlearned in the science of botany, must admire the beautiful arrangement of the grounds,—the charming undulations,—the fairy glens,—the mounts,—the rock works appropriately furnished,—the ponds and their lovely aquatic occupants,—the fountain,—the river walk, terminating in that traditionally marked as Addison's favourite, and where Tickell is said to have composed his ballad of Colin and Lucy ;—the clumps of venerable elms,—the solemn rookery,—the vistas of the city and the bay, and above all the monitory watch towers of that adjacent city of the dead,

## PROSPECT CEMETERY.

And well indeed may the visiter, who treads the mazes of its monuments, deem it a city of the dead. Already, though only open about four years, it is said to contain upwards of 16,000 bodies. It com-

prises nine British acres, handsomely planted and laid out with gravel walks, having in the centre a chapel, where prayers are offered for the deceased there interred, while at each corner of the ground is a watch tower, in which guards are nightly kept to prevent the violation of the graves. The Botanic Gardens, living with the beauties of the vegetable creation, and animated by the human groups that frequent them, form at one side a boundary of such striking contrast to this magazine of mortality, as cannot but affect the most thoughtless visitant. There all is laughing, life, and joyous hope,—here lies the youth, once happy too, who looked as confidently to a sunny future—this world is now closed above him. Here the ambition, that possibly in life would have wept to be bounded even by the widest speculations, is straitened in a narrow sodded pit; the pride, that dazzled in its days of nature, is coldly wrapt in the mouldering winding sheet; the worm is nurtured in the cheek whose smile was once so joyfully attractive; the infant, whose lisp was a parent's best prized eloquence, lies cradled in the premature embrace of death. The lovers, the friends, the relatives that worshipped each other through life, now haply slumber side by side, yet know no reciprocity of feeling, no touch of sympathy, no pulse of kindred. If to all those natural reflections the visiter superadds the holiness of solitude and magic of moonlight, they cannot fail to inspire the most chastening reflections, and, like the wand of the prophet, draw tears from the most flinty heart.

The effect of the scene is, however, impaired by the arithmetical gradations of the burial compartments, which are arranged according to the fees paid, and yet more by the letters and figures that mark the walls and tombstones, referring the inquirer, as by longitude and latitude, to the registry of every individual grave.

The road here passes over the

#### THE ROYAL CANAL,

a line of inland navigation, which commences about a mile beyond this point. It was constituted under the 29 Geo. III. c. 33; the 30 Geo. III. c. 20; 32 Geo. III. c. 26; 38 Geo. III. cs. 54 & 79; 43 Geo. III. (Loc. & Pers.) c. xxii; 53 Geo. III. c. 101; 55 Geo. III. c. 182; and 58 Geo. III. c. 35; and, having been carried far into the county of Westmeath by the original company, was, on their failure, completed to the Shannon at the expense of government. Throughout its course it is forty-two feet wide at the surface, twenty-four at the bottom, and has locks and a depth of water calculated for boats of from forty to fifty tons burden. At its extremity beyond Phibsborough, there is an extensive basin, entered by an aqueduct, for the use of the boats trading on the line, while at the entrance of that village, a branch communicates with the river Liffey by sea-locks, capable of admitting ships of 150 tons burden.

From the point where these two cuts unite, this line of navigation passes inland near Castleknock,

Lucan, and Leixlip, and crosses the Rye, one of the Liffey's tributaries, on an aqueduct of one arch, supporting a vast body of earth, on the summit of which the canal and trackways pass at an elevation of near 100 feet above the river. It next visits Carton, Maynooth, and Kilcock, crosses the Boyne on a plain but elegant aqueduct of three arches, passes near Kinnead, encompasses Mullingar, thence by Coolnahay and Ballinacarrig, and in the neighbourhood of Ballymahon, into the Shannon at Tarmonbarry.

Crossing this canal, and leaving at left a strip of land, anciently called "Glasmanogue," the tourist enters the populous village of

#### PHIBSBOROUGH,

where is a neat Roman Catholic church, and in the floor beneath are schools for children of both sexes. A savings'-bank was also established here in 1830.

The district, strictly called

#### GRANGE-GORMAN,

succeeds, an ancient townland, now the property of the Earl of Rathdown.

The manor, which is otherwise called that of Glasnevin, comprehends a considerable portion of the modern city of Dublin. By a return from the Register, it is stated to contain to the north of the river Liffey, the whole of the wealthy and populous parish of St. George, including within it Mountjoy-square



and several of the adjacent streets, as far as the north side of Frederick-street; Great Britain-street from the Rotunda and the north side of Summerhill; the parish of Grange-Gorman, within which are Grange-Gorman-lane, Manor-street, Prussia-street, Aughrim-street, the village of Phibsborough, which may be considered a part of the city itself, and the parish of Glasnevin. Its limits are also said to extend over the baronies of Coolock and Castleknock, the important district of Kingstown, Killiney, Dalkey, Stillorgan, and other places of minor note as far as Bray, all in the barony of Rathdown. The authority, under which this jurisdiction is exercised, is stated to be a charter granted by King James the First in 1603 to the then newly incorporated body, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral of Christ Church, who are lords of the manor of Glasnevin, and of other manors within the liberty.

Grange-Gorman also gives its name to the parish, which, as the rectory is inappropriate in the prebendaries and vicars-choral of Christ Church, ranks as curacy in connexion with the city of Dublin, and extends, or rather has been assessed to the public charges as extending, over 450 Irish acres. The census of 1831 states its population as 7382 persons, while the parliamentary return of 1820 mentions, that "the tithes arising out of it are paid to the dean and chapter of Christ Church, but whether it was ever considered as a parish is not known." That body nominate the curate, and allocate a salary of £10 per annum for the performance of the duties. The Report adds,

that there are no traces of a church or churchyard here ; but the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have recently granted £575 5s. 2d. for the erection of a church.

In 1178 Archbishop Laurence O'Toole, when confirming the possessions of Christ Church, enumerated amongst them the Grange of Grange-Gorman and its appurtenances, the wood of Salcock, &c., which title, Archbishop Luke about the year 1240 further ratified. Soon afterwards, Richard Tyrrel renounced all claim herein to the fraternity of Christ Church,\* and it was, thereupon, taxed as four carucates of land, at forty-eight shillings, payable to that community, Glasnevin being distinctly rated at the same time, as before-mentioned at that locality.

At the time of the dissolution, the religious house of St. Wolstan's was seized of one messuage and fourteen acres of arable land here,† which were afterwards granted, with other possessions of that house, to Sir John Allen of Allenscourt in the county of Kildare.

In 1559 the dean and chapter of Christ Church received a royal mandate, directing them to confirm to Francis Agard, the manor, place, or farm of Grange-Gorman. His family were accordingly, at the commencement of the seventeenth century, found seized of this manor, one house, six messuages, and 200 acres, stated to have been so granted in the time of Queen Elizabeth to Francis Agard in fee, by the dean and chapter of Christ Church, Dublin, who had previously acquired same in frankalmoigne.‡

In 1663 Colonel John Daniel, in consideration of £126, sold part of the lands of Grange-Gorman, to be enclosed in the Phoenix Park.

In the eighteenth century, the principal part of the manor was the property of Mr. George Henry Monck, through whom it has passed to the present proprietor.

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\* Liber Niger, fol. 92.

† Inquis. in Offic. Rememb.

‡ Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

Grange-Gorman contributes £40 of its rental to the support of the Blue-Coat Hospital.

In Manor-street, within this district, there is a Theological Seminary, established by the Irish Evangelical Society of London, who allow £200 per annum to the head-master, and £100 to his assistant. In 1826 it had but seven pupils.

In this district are also three establishments worthy of notice.

1st. The House of Industry, of which, Wakefield justly observes, "not merely in name, but in fact, a house of industry, an asylum for every person willing to labour; that receives a human being a prey to idleness, loaded with filth, and friendless, and returns the same individual to the world, industrious, clean, and healthy." It was instituted in 1773, and since supported by parliamentary annual grants, latterly about £20,000. Annexed to the establishment are surgical and medical wards, fever hospitals, a lunatic asylum, a dispensary, a school &c., covering within the whole establishment eleven acres of ground. The Institution receives the interest of three valuable legacies, Baron Vryhoven's £1612 10s. 0d., Thomas Barry's £1496 14s. 10d., and General Lyons's £1131 10s. 5d., all vested in  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. government stock; while the funds are managed with such economy and prudence, that it is calculated the moderate sum of £5 annually clothes and maintains each individual pauper.

2nd. The Richmond General Penitentiary, adjoining the House of Industry. Its front, towards

Grange-Gorman-lane, measures 700 feet, and consists of a centre of considerable breadth, crowned by a large pediment, the wings being also of great extent. The portals are at a distance from the main body of the building, and are connected by high curtain walls. There is an extremely handsome cupola, containing a clock with four dials, over the centre of the front, which is built of a black stone quarried in the vicinity of Dublin, the ornamental parts are all of mountain granite. The first stone of this structure was laid in 1812 by the Duke of Richmond, then viceroy of Ireland. Its erection cost upwards of £40,000. At the rear, retired from all communication, are a number of cells, where the culprits are inclosed in solitary confinement on their first admission; if their conduct improves, they are gradually removed into other cells more cheerfully situated, and where they are permitted to associate.

3rd. The Female Orphan House, an establishment instituted in 1790, capable of accommodating 160 children, and having annexed a very handsome Gothic chapel. It has a permanent income by endowments of nearly £500 per annum, exclusive of casual resources, and had, heretofore, parliamentary grants to the total amount of £50,414 late Irish currency. The number educated and maintained here used to be about 150, but the administration of the establishment confined its benefits to Protestants. Its average yearly expenditure was in 1812, stated to be £1633.

### THE THIRD EXCURSION.

Repassing through some of the localities of the last route, (the villages of Drumcondra and Crossguns), the tourist, by a more frequented northern line of road, arrives at a hill which overhangs the village of

#### FINGLAS-BRIDGE.

Looking from this eminence, at right are seen the Botanic Gardens, and the demesne of the Bishop of Kildare; at left, a swelling hill with a tea-house and turret; in front the romantic Tolka, winding through the depth of the valley, beneath the bridge that gives name to the locality; beyond the river, old quarry holes and sand-hills fringed with the ever ornamental furze, the woods of Doctor Gregory's Asylum, and the little village diffusing upwards its blue, cheerful wreaths of curling smoke. On descending and passing the bridge, the Tolka is seen tumbling over a fall beside the ruins of a cotton-mill and factory, that once gave employment to many of this vicinity, until consumed by an accidental fire some years since.

The river hereabouts affords a species of the lamprey, *lampetra fluviatilis minor*, accounted the best bait for cod, and which is also found in the Liffey,

likewise the white and yellow trout and the roach; and among the stones and in the banks the river crayfish is frequent; while to the botanist, the vicinity of Finglas-bridge presents *alchemilla arvensis*, parsley piert; *senebiera coronopus*, swine's-cress.—In the ditches and hedges, *rosa canina*, dog-rose.—In the old quarries, *bromus asper*, wood-brome; *echium vulgare*, common viper's bugloss, whose flowers are so grateful to bees; *pimpinella saxifraga*, common burnet saxifrage; *arctium lappa*, common burdock; *myriophyllum verticillatum*, whorled milfoil; a variety of that elegant little plant, the *briza media*, common quaking grass with the panicle white.—In the adjacent waste grounds, *bromus sterilis*, barren brome-grass; *cochlearia armoracea*, horse-radish.—On the roofs of houses, *sempervivum tectorum*, house leek; *crepis tectorum*, smooth hawk's-beard.—In the moist fields, *cnicus palustris*, marsh plume-thistle; and in the sand-pits, *carex hirta*, hair-sedge. Lands about this locality are let at from £5 to £10 per acre.

A road cut through sand-hills conducts hence to the picturesquely situated village of

#### FINGLAS,

popularly celebrated as the scene of the May games for the citizens of Dublin.

The parish church here is a plain, but neat structure, on an eminence commanding a fine prospect. It contains some interesting ancient memorials; a mural slab to Colonel Robert Bridges, who died in

1675, and was here interred, details the deaths and places of interment of his eight sons and two daughters. Near it is a black marble slab to the family of Settle, and their descendants from 1650. On the opposite wall, a monument commemorates Doctor Richard Challoner Cobbe, Treasurer of St. Patrick's, who died in 1767. Close to it is another to Captain William Flower, who died in 1681, having served in Ulster under the Earl of Granard, at the time that the Duke of Monmouth's rebellion was raging in Scotland. It also records some descendants of his name. Beside the communion-table, on the floor, is a flat flagstone to Sir Daniel Tresswell, Knight, who died in 1670, having served both the Kings Charles. This monument states that it was *erected* by Dame Herne, his relict, daughter of Sir Thomas Plowden of Plowden Hall in Shropshire. At its foot is a yet older stone to Richard Plowden Tresswell, who died in 1612, while, under the communion-table, are flat tombstones of very ancient date to the families of Bagshaw and Ryves.

In the churchyard is the ruin of a stone cross of granite, being with its present pedestal about ten feet high. Near it is an enclosed monument to John Pocklington, Esq., once second Baron of the Irish Exchequer, who died in 1731; also, an old monument of the Esdalls (Isdalls) from 1728, and a handsome sarcophagus to Mr. Long, formerly of Mary-street.

Near the church is a glebe-house, with 15A. 3R. 10P. of glebe-land adjoining for the vicar, and 20A.

for the rector. The latter endowment, however, does not appear to be enjoyed.

There is also a small, neat Roman Catholic church in the village. The parish charity-school is supported by the interest of money bequeathed to it at various times, and reported in 1812 as amounting to about £20 per annum. There are also two national schools here, to which the Board contributes £10 per annum. Their number of pupils in 1834 was 121.

Here are likewise two lunatic asylums, with gardens and pleasure-grounds attached to each,—Dr. Harty's, which in 1829 had twenty-two patients; and Dr. Duncan's, reported at the same time as having forty-two. Near the village is a spa, formerly celebrated for its sanative virtues, and assimilated by Dr. Rutty, in his classification, to that of Malvern. It is now, however, wholly neglected. It was originally dedicated as a holy well to St. Patrick. Near this, it may be remarked, sulphate of magnesia occurs efflorescent in fine fibres.

The parish of Finglas comprises 4696A. 2R. 26P., and a population, returned in 1831 as 2110 persons. The rectory appertains to the chancellorship of St. Patrick's, and includes the chapelries of St. Margaret's, Artane, and the Ward, the rectorial tithes of the whole producing £481 5s. 3d., while the vicarage, united with the curacy of Ballycoolane, is in the gift of the metropolitan. The Roman Catholic union comprises Finglas, St. Margaret's, and the Ward. The principal proprietors of the fee in the parish are the Archbishop of Dublin, Sir Compton Domville, Mr.



Hamilton, Sir R. Gore, Messrs. Arthur, Segrave, White, &c. Rent varies from £3 to £5, while a cabin without land produces from £3 to £4 per annum.

An abbey was founded very early in this village, possibly by St. Patrick, who, having passed from Meath to Finglas, ascended a hill and, looking down upon the village of Dublin, is reported by his biographers to have blessed it and prophesied, that, although then but a small village, it should one day be a city of wealth, and advanced to be the metropolis of the kingdom. The abbey, however, was dedicated to St. Canice, whose festival was kept here on the 11th of October, and a memoir of his life, as Primate Usher states, long preserved in this church. St. Canice was one of the disciples of the celebrated St. Finian at Clonard, was intimately connected by holy friendship with St. Columbkille, whom he often visited in the island of Iona, and was himself the founder of many religious establishments. Finglas was long subsequently a rural bishopric, and its dignitary indifferently styled Bishop or Abbot.

In 758 died Faolcha, Abbot of Finglas.\* In 786 died Concomrac, Bishop of Finglas.† In 795 died Dhullitter its abbot.‡ In 807 died Flan Mac Kelly, an anachorite, a scribe, and Bishop of Finglas. In 814 died Fergus of Rathlurg, its abbot. In 823 died the Abbot Cuimneach. In 837 Bran died, Bishop of Finglas, as did Robert in 865. In 1011 died the Abbot Cian, and in 1038 the Abbot Cairbe O'Connellan, died at Rome. The Annals of the Four Masters record the deaths of various other abbots or bishops of Finglas.

In 1171 Finglas was the chief scene of action on the occasion of the ineffective siege which Roderic O'Conor laid to Dublin, an event more particularly detailed at that period in the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

Soon afterwards a most wanton and impolitic violation was perpetrated here, by a group of English archers, who had the temerity to cut down some of the beeches and yew trees, which St. Canice himself had planted in its long-revered and holy ground.

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\* Annals of the Four Masters.

† Ib.

‡ Ib.

So sacrilegious did the act appear, even to the invaders themselves, that Cambrensis, who relates the circumstance, attributes to it the visitation of a plague, which swept away not only the immediate offenders but many of the other English forces. There are still, however, some of the descendants of these consecrated trees in the graveyard. The sombre appearance of its immortal foliage well adapted it for these hallowed enclosures, where likewise its baneful properties were not likely to be communicated to the browsing herd.

It is impossible to look upon this dark evergreen without reflecting, that it was once the great armoury of battle and death. It was by their bows of yew the English won Crescy, Poitiers, and Agincourt. It was by these the adventurers of Henry the Second's time prevailed over the natives of our own country ; and, although it proved fatal to three British kings, Harold, William Rufus, and Richard Cœur de Lion, its cultivation was earnestly enjoined and promoted. In Switzerland it is appropriately styled William Tell's tree, in memory of their patriot archer.

In 1184 the land of Finglas was given by John Earl of Morton, afterwards king John, to Robert de St. Michael. It was subsequently granted to the see of Dublin, and that grant confirmed by Pope Clement the Third, by King Edward in 1337, and by King Richard in 1395.

In 1191 a Bull of Pope Celestine the Third enumerates the church of Finglas, amongst the possessions of the newly-erected College of St. Patrick, as it had been stated, in a previous Bull of 1179, to be one of the thirteen prebends of Archbishop Comyn's said establishment. To it were subservient the chapels of Dunsoghly, Ward, and Artane.

In 1202 Hugh Hussey granted to Christ Church a parcel of land, extending from the high road leading to Finglas up to Athudamas, and about the last place to Arduearnaid as far as the valley near Kilmolidoid and so to the Avon-Liffey and Cumoynagal.\*

In 1207 died Maolpeader O'Colman, comorb of Canice.

In 1216 Pope Innocent the Third confirmed to the see of Dublin, (*inter alia*) Finglas with its appurtenances, and, about the

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\* Regist. of Christ Church.

year 1218, Archbishop Henry de Loundres assigned for the support of the Chancellor of St. Patrick's Cathedral, the church of Finglas, at that time the prebend of Master Thomas de Castello, who was nominated by him the first chancellor of that establishment, from which period to the seventeenth century this church continued to be the chancellor's prebend.

In 1225 the priory or rather cell of Castleknock, for such it was, dependant upon the priory of little Malvern, contested with the canons of St. Patrick's the tithes of the land lying between the river Tolka and the farm of Finglas, which, they alleged belonged to the parish of Castleknock. The matter was compromised on the interference of the Archbishop, and with the consent of the Prior of little Malvern.\* For a notice in 1227, see the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

In 1240 Archbishop Luke confirmed to Christ Church 60*a*. of land near Finglas, and about the same time granted to "the men of Finglas" 158*a*. and three stangs of land as surveyed, and stated to be held in freehold under the see, at the yearly rent of £4 1*s*. 7*d*. and certain dues of wax.

In 1271 Fulk de Sandford, Archbishop of Dublin, died in his manor of Finglas, and was buried in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

In 1326 an inquisition was taken as to the extent of the manor of Finglas. At the close of this century a branch of the Barrett family was settled here.

In 1389 John de Karlell, clerk, had leave to absent himself from Ireland, and receive, notwithstanding, the full revenues of the chancellorship of St. Patrick's, and the prebend of Finglas annexed, the prebend of Slievecolter in the cathedral of Ferns, the prebend of Offyn in the cathedral of Limerick, the wardship and marriage of Ralph the son of Maurice, Baron of Burnchurch, the farming of the deanery of Dublin, and of the prebend of Crospatrick, with the church of Rosclare and the chapelry of Ballymore annexed.† No small accumulation of church preferments. For a notice in 1403, see *ante* at "Portane."

In 1416 the celebrated hero John Talbot, Lord Furnival,

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\* Dign. Dec. f. 22, &c.

† Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

Lord Justice of Ireland, had a residence here, where, in the same year, he "had a son born unto him, who, on the day of St. Lawrence the martyr, departed this life, and was buried in the choir of the Friars' Preachers Church in Dublin."\*

In 1511 Walter Fitzsimons, Archbishop of Dublin, afterwards Lord Chancellor and Deputy Lieutenant of Ireland, died here,† and was honourably interred in the nave of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Soon afterwards the Repertorium Viride of Archbishop Allen states Finglas, to be a prebend annexed to the chancellorship of St. Patrick's.

An inquisition of 1547 defines the extent and value of the rectory of Finglas, its demesne lands, fortress, &c.

In 1567 the Reverend Samuel Mason, a Roman Catholic clergyman, who had previously read his recantation in Christ Church before Sir Henry Sydney, was preferred to this living by Archbishop Loftus. He died in 1568, and was buried in this churchyard.

In 1577 Nicholas Dillon of Cappock died seised of 120A. in Finglas.‡ The rectory was subsequently held by Archbishop Loftus, in commendam, until in 1611 he conferred it on James Usher, with the chancellorship of St. Patrick's, notwithstanding that the right of presentation to Finglas devolved upon the king, *jure devoluto* and by reason of his royal prerogative, on account of the vacancy occurring during the said commendam.§ The regal visitation of 1615 also states this church to be of the corps of the chancellorship of St. Patrick's, that James Usher was then its rector, and Matthew Lee curate, and that the church and chancel were in good repair.

In 1621 a vicar was endowed at Finglas by the celebrated James Usher, at that time chancellor of St. Patrick's Cathedral, who resigned the castle, the glebe, and an adequate portion of the tithes, to serve as a maintenance for him and his successors.

In 1622 the king presented Jenkin Mayes to the deanery of

\* Marleburgh's Chronicle.

† Borlase's Reduction of Ireland, p. 92.

‡ Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

§ Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

St. Canice, with the chancellorship of St. Patrick's, Dublin, and the rectory of Finglas.

In 1641 a party of the confederates of the Pale, stationed here, was attacked and beaten by Colonel Crawford.

In 1649, while the Marquis of Ormond was encamped here, previous to the fatal action at Rathmines, he received intelligence that Jones had detached most of his horse to Drogheda, a movement which, by cutting off his provisions, would have reduced his army to extreme distress. Lord Inchequin was thereupon instantly sent in pursuit of them with a strong body of cavalry; he surprised and routed the party, laid siege to Drogheda, and soon compelled its surrender. Having further intelligence of a body of horse and foot employed to escort some ammunition to Owen O'Neill, he attacked and routed the horse, cut off the infantry, invested Dundalk, which Monk was forced by his own soldiers to surrender, and, having reduced some less considerable garrisons, returned triumphantly to the camp at Finglas. Hence it was, that, in the confidence generated by these successes, on the 18th of July, a fortnight before his utter defeat at Rathmines, he wrote to the king a letter, wherein, alluding to his projected attack on Dublin, he said, "that which only threatens any rub to our success is our wants, which have been and are such, that soldiers have actually starved by their arms, and many of less constancy have run home; many of the foot are weak, yet I despair not to be able to keep them together and strong enough to reduce Dublin, if good supplies of all sorts come not speedily to relieve it. I am confident I can persuade one-half of this army to starve outright, and I shall venture far upon it, rather than give up a game so fair on our side and so hard to be recovered if given over."\* In the same year, when Cromwell's army was proceeding to the siege of Drogheda, they passed through Finglas, and it is reported that, according to their iconoclast principle, when they saw the ancient cross here, they overturned it and cast it into a pit, where it remained buried, until a fortuitous circumstance brought it again to light in 1816.

A return of 1660 defines the extent of this parish and its

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\* Carte's Orig. Pap. vol. ii. p. 389.

tithes. In 1666 John Arthur died seised of 24A. here, which he held of the king in free and common soccage. In the same year Sir Timothy Tyrrel had a grant of all the interest of William Hewlett, attainted, (which was saved to said Sir Timothy by the Act of Settlement,) in certain lands in the parish of Finglas, &c. bounded on the north by the town of Finglas; on the east by Dillon's and Sir Robert Forth's lands; on the south by the Wood of Finglas; and on the west by Solomon's Field, Lord's Leisure, and the twenty acres in Phillips's holding, containing in all 79A., 2R., 20P., subject to a certain rent which has never been paid, while, on the expiration of Hewlett's interest which was for years, the lands should have reverted to the original proprietors. Sir Timothy was also seised of twenty acres in the "Much Green" of Finglas, which he held under the See of Dublin. In the same year the Archbishop of Dublin had a grant of ten acres plantation measure here, with various other townlands in augmentation of his see.

At Finglas Wood, near the Tolka, is a house now occupied by Mr. Savage, one of the many where tradition says King James slept on the night of his retreat from the Boyne. King William afterwards encamped here, and hence "On Sunday, the 6th of July," says Story, "he made his triumphant entry into Dublin from his camp, and proceeded to St. Patrick's Cathedral, attended by the bishops, where he heard prayers and a sermon, preached by Dean King, on the power and wisdom of the providence of God in protecting his people and defeating their enemies; he afterwards returned to the camp to dinner." On the 7th and 8th of July he reviewed his forces on horseback, "seeing each regiment march by him, inquiring the officers' names, and what other things concerning them he thought fit; the commissaries taking an exact list of all the private men, both horse and foot, that appeared in the ranks, when the numbers were calculated as 22,579 foot, 7,751 horse, and 483 officers."

In 1694 the king presented Dillon Ashe to the vicarage of Finglas. In 1697 the Reverend Bartholomew Scally was returned as Parish Priest of Finglas, St. Margaret's, and the Ward. About the same time Sir Daniel Bellingham, first Lord Mayor of the City of Dublin, granted lands in this parish, then of the value of about £60 per annum, and in 1764 considered worth £200 per

annum, for the relief of poor debtors in the city and four-courts marshalseas, and vested the same in the clerk of the crown, and one of the six clerks in chancery as trustees for that purpose. This laudable object, however, was never enforced, and the heirs of the trustees have appropriated the property.

In 1710 the celebrated Joseph Addison, then Secretary of State in Ireland, wrote to Dean Swift: "I am now just come from Finglas, where I have been drinking your health, and talking of you with one who loves and admires you better than any man in the world, except your humble servant." The passage is only cited to shew how firmly that good man, in his official situation, refused to resign his acquaintanceship with the Dean, and continued to him his accustomed friendship throughout all the storms of political revolution.

In 1716 the celebrated Thomas Parnell was vicar of Finglas. "This preferment," says Mr. Brewer, "should have been peculiarly desirable from its contiguity, as a place of residence, to Glasnevin, the favoured abode and resort of his literary friends; but Parnell removed to Finglas in the clouded evening of his brief life, and brooded in his retirement over the agonies of a breaking heart."

In 1722 the king presented Robert Howard to this vicarage, with the precentorship of Christ Church *pro hac vice*. In 1726 James Stopford obtained this vicarage on the same presentation, and was himself succeeded in 1754 by Robert Caulfield.

In 1769 Charles Davis bequeathed £6 per annum to the charity school here, and the residue of his property to the charter school corporation.

In 1810 Charles Frizell, Esq. of Holles-street, Dublin, bequeathed £200, in trust to apply the interest annually for the poor of this parish, towards buying bread to be distributed every Sunday by the minister and churchwardens. Lands were also left at a more remote period for charitable purposes here, but of which no account can now be attained.

At Finglas, in the botanic department, may be found *scandix pecten Veneris*, shepherd's needle; *bunium flexuosum*, pig-wort; *sium nodiflorum*, pro-

cumbent water parsnip ; *heracleum sphondylium*, cow parsnip ; *narcissus biflorus*, pale narcissus ; *allium vineale*, crow garlic, which communicates a rank taste to milk and butter ; *rumex acetosella*, sheep's sorrel ; *colchicum autumnale*, meadow saffron, whose roots are poisonous ; *hordeum pratense*, meadow barley ; *scabiosa succisa*, devil's bit scabious ; *gallium verum*, yellow bedstraw, with which the best Cheshire cheese is said to be prepared ; *myosotis arvensis*, field scorpion grass ; *primula elatior*, oxlip ; *primula veris*, cowslip ; *lysimachia nemorum*, yellow pimpernel ; *anagallis arvensis*, common scarlet pimpernel ; *convolvulus sepium*, great bind-weed ; *viola tricolor*, pansy violet ; *chenopodium bonus Henricus*, mercury goosefoot ; *chenopodium album*, white goosefoot ; *spiræa ulmaria*, meadow sweet, yielding certainly a sweet but an oppressive fragrance ; *rosa arvensis*, white trailing dog-rose ; *rubus corylifolius*, hazel-leaved bramble ; *papaver dubium*, long smooth-headed poppy ; *thlaspi arvense*, penny cress ; *senebiera coronopus*, swine's cress ; *cardamine hirsuta*, hairy ladies' smock ; *raphanus raphanistrum*, wild radish ; *geranium Pyrenaicum*, mountain crane's bill ; *ulex Europæus*, common furze ; *lotus corniculatus*, common bird's-foot trefoil ; *senecio tenuifolius*, hoary ragwort ; *euphorbia peplus*, petty spurge ; *euphorbia exigua*, dwarf spurge ; *alchemilla vulgaris*, ladies' mantle.

On the ditches, banks, and road sides, *epilobium hirsutum*, great hairy willow herb ; *polygonum persicaria*, spotted persicaria ; *stellaria uliginosa*, bog



stichwort ; *sanicula Europæa*, wood sanicle, which in ancient pharmacy was supposed to possess the qualities of the balsam of Fierabras, and was used in "potions which are called vulnerary potions, or wound drinks, which make whole and sound all inward wounds and outward hurts : " experience, however, has impaired its ancient credit ; *viola odorata*, sweet violet ; *torilis anthriscus*, upright hedge parsley ; *ranunculus flammula*, lesser spearwort crowfoot ; *mentha hirsuta*, hairy mint ; *hedysarum onobrichis*, saintfoin ; *orchis pyramidalis*, pyramidal orchis ; *scolopendrium vulgare*, common hart's-tongue ; *centaurea nigra*, black knapweed ; *arum maculatum*, cuckow pint.—In the hedges and woods, *solanum dulcamara*, woody nightshade, bitter sweet ; *polygonum convolvulus*, black bindweed ; *pyrus malus*, wild apple-tree ; *rubus glandulosus*, glandular bramble ; *stachys sylvatica*, hedge woundwort ; *geranium Robertianum*, herb Robert ; *vicia sepium*, common bush-vetch ; *bromus erectus*, upright brome grass, whose seeds are a favourite food with pheasants.—On old walls, *glyceria rigida*, hard sweet grass ; *parietaria officinalis*, wall pellitory ; *hedera helix*, ivy ; *cheiranthus fruticosus*, wall-flower ; *sedum reflexum*, crooked yellow stone crop.

In the quarry-holes, *daucus carota*, wild carrot ; *pastinaca sativa*, wild parsnip ; *chlora perfoliata*, perfoliate yellow-wort ; *geranium dissectum*, jagged-leaved crane's bill ; *chara vulgaris*, common chara ; *agrostis vulgaris*, fine bent grass, with its pale green leaves and highly coloured flowers ; *scabiosa arvensis*,

field scabious; *potamogeton pusillum*, small pondweed; *lithospermum officinale*, common gromwell; *convolvulus arvensis*, small bindweed; *polygala vulgaris*, milk-wort; *anthyllis vulneraria*, kidney-vetch; *lathyrus pratensis*, yellow meadow vetchling; *vicia cracca*, tufted vetch; *trifolium officinale*, melilot, an injurious plant in corn fields; *hypericum perforatum*, perforated St. John's wort; *apargia hirta*, deficient hawkbit; *apargia autumnalis*, autumnal hawkbit; *hieracium pilosella*, common mouse-ear hawkweed; *carduus acanthoides*, welshed thistle; *carlina vulgaris*, common carline thistle; *sparganium simplex*, unbranched bur-reed; *erigeron acre*, blue flea-bane; *tussilago farfara*, colt's foot; *centaurea scabiosa*, greater knapweed; *typha latifolia*, great reed mace, whose roots are sometimes eaten in salads, while the down of the amentum is used to stuff cushions and mattresses, and with the leaves the Swedish coopers bind the hoops of their casks.

In the neighbouring rivulets and streams, *angelica sylvestris*, wild angelica.—In the moist fields and marshy grounds, *lychnis flos cuculi*, ragged Robin; *sium angustifolium*, narrow-leaved water parsnip; *hypericum quadrangulum*, square St. John's wort; *hypericum perforatum*, perforated St. John's wort.—In the waste grounds, *reseda luteola*, yellow weed; *lamium album*, white dead nettle; *lamium amplexicaule*, henbit dead nettle; *cochlearia armoracea*, horse radish; *brassica napus*, rape; *geranium rotundifolium*, round-leaved crane's bill; *fumaria officinalis*, common fumitory; *fumaria capreolata*,

climbing fumitory ; *trifolium filiforme*, slender yellow trefoil ; *carduus acanthoides*, welshed thistle ; *gnaphalium germanicum*, common cudweed ; *anthemis cotula*, fetid chamomile ; *urtica urens*, small nettle ; *atriplex patula*, halbert-leaved orache ; *atriplex angustifolia*, narrow-leaved orache ; *crepis tectorum*, smooth hawk's-beard.—In the shady places, *glechoma hederacea*, ground ivy.—In the meadows, *orchis maculata*, spotted palmate orchis : and in the corn fields, *galeopsis tetrahit*, common hemp-nettle ; *brassica campestris*, wild naven ; *sinapis arvensis*, wild mustard ; *sinapis alba*, white mustard ; *chrysanthemum segetum*, corn marigold.

Proceeding up the hill on the Ashbourne road, out of Finglas, an interesting retrospective view exhibits the little village straggling down into the valley, the May-pole, round which so many happy groups have frolicked, beyond it the metropolis, now invested with the completion of St. Patrick's prophecy, and, in the remote perspective, the mountains of Dublin and Wicklow. The present road thence is dreary into Ashbourne. A turn, however, at right leads by the legitimate old winding highway to the Red Lion, a locality, which from its name was, it may be presumed, the dernier resort in former times of perilous travel, for those who found themselves at even-fall too near the Santry woods. At right of Red Lion is the townland of

## DUBBER,

Which in 1478 was discharged from all subsidies to the state,

on the petition of the abbot of St. Mary's abbey,\* who appears by inquisition of 1550, to have been seised of a messuage with a dove-house, garden, haggard, ninety-eight acres of land, and an ash-grove therein. The tithes of Dubber were subsequently farmed out by the Lords Lieutenant as part of the royal revenue.

For a notice in 1582, see "Dunsoghly." In 1611 Sir Christopher Plunkett passed patent for the temporal land in Dubber, one castle, six messuages, and eighty acres, ten acres near Finglas-Bridge in St. Canice's parish, all the lands in Balrothery late in the tenure of John Savage, deceased, &c.†

A wide plain extends at left between this road and the Dublin mountains, and presently, before entering St. Margaret's, appears at left, on a road which crosses the Ashbourne highway and leads to Mal-laghiddart, the fine old castle of

#### DUNSOGLHY,

an extensive central square, with four projecting square, angular towers, one occupied by winding stairs, the others carved into small apartments, the windows being all square and spacious.

On entering the central part, a large vaulted kitchen presents itself, into which a comparatively modern entrance has been quarried, a flight of twenty-three steps leads thence to the drawing-room, a spacious wainscotted apartment, with some old family portraits surrounding the walls, powerfully reminding the spectator of the time, when the spirit of mirth presided in that baronial apartment, when the fire roared through the tunnel of its chimney, and the

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\* King's MSS. p. 378.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

strong ales and the Gascon wines were lavishly dispensed, while noble gentlemen, long since departed from the stage, and many, whose names have been transmitted with the associations of historic interest, sported with their ladies-loves, and the harper alternately won their willing ears to songs of bold achievement, or the lighter gaiety of dancing measures. A flight of twenty-one fine stone steps conducts thence to the second floor, and a third of twenty-three steps to where the third floor should be, but it has been removed, while, above it a further flight of ten steps ascends to a watch-tower springing from the roof. The view thence is inconceivably extensive. The church of Screen, the mill of Garristown, the hills of Mullahow, Hollywood, the Man of War, the castle of Baldungan, the shores and vicinity of Lough Shinny, Lambay, Ireland's Eye, Howth, Bray-head, the Sugar Loafs, the Dublin mountains, the plains of Kildare succeed in the circuit of the extensive panorama, while, in the intermediate and inner scope, St. Margaret's and its ruins, Santry and its woods, Dublin enveloped in haze, and other innumerable objects present themselves. The "dun" in this denomination evinces, by the undying memorial of a name, that a fortress existed here, in times of even more remote antiquity than the settlement of the Plunketts upon it. The present castle is the property of Mrs. Kavanagh, one of the descendants and co-heiresses of Sir John Plunkett. Adjoining it is the old family chapel, a small edifice with an old arched doorway, over which a curious slab is inserted, representing

the Cross, ladder, nails, ropes, and other accompaniments of the Crucifixion, admirably carved in alto-relievo, and below them the letters, "J. P. M. D. D. S. (i. e. Joannes Plunkett Miles de Dun-Soghly), 1573."

In 1422 the King granted to Henry Stanyhurst, the custody of all the messuages &c., which had belonged to John Finglas of Dunsoghly, in the counties of Dublin or Meath, to hold during the minority of the heir of said John, rent free.\*

In 1424 Roger Finglas was relieved from all arrears of crown rent, due by him out of the lands and tenements of Dunsoghly and Oughtermoy.† Soon afterwards, this place passed into the possession of Sir Rowland Plunkett, the youngest son of Sir Christopher Plunkett, Baron of Killeen, and Lord Deputy of Ireland in 1432.

In 1446 Sir Rowland Plunkett of Dunsoghly Castle, was appointed Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and, at the commencement of the reign of King Henry the Eighth, his son Sir Thomas Plunkett was appointed Chief Justice of the Common Pleas. In 1559 Sir John Plunkett of Dunsoghly, the grandson of this Sir Thomas, was Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, and died in 1582 seised of the manors of Dunsoghly and Oughtermoy, 120 acres; eighty acres in Harristown, Corbally, Donore, and Merrygall; eighty acres in Dubber; twenty acres in Porterstown; thirty acres in Balrothery and Fowkestown, &c.‡ He held the manors of Dunsoghly and Oughtermoy from the Archbishop of Dublin by fealty.

In 1641 Colonel Richard Plunkett of Dunsoghly, was an active adherent of the lords of the Pale, and one of those for whose head the Lords Justices and Council offered a reward of £400. In 1666 the House of Commons, taking into consideration "the great sufferings of Sir Henry Tichbourne by the late rebellion, and his many great services," and considering that by the

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\* Rot in Dom. Cap. Westm.

† Ib.

‡ Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

act for taking away the Court of Wards and Liveries, the said Sir Henry was deprived of the benefit of the wardship of Nicholas Plunkett of Dunsoghly, "which was given him by his late majesty, towards a compensation for his losses by and services against the said rebels, for which wardship he gave a considerable fine to his majesty, and underwent other expenses concerning the same;" the Commons, therefore, voted him a sum of £2000 as a gift in lieu of the said wardship, &c., same to be paid out of the revenue of hearth-money. This Nicholas (it is said) was the author of "A faithful History of the Rebellion and Civil Wars in Ireland, from its beginning in the year 1641 to its conclusion, with an introductory account of the true state and condition of that kingdom before the year 1641, and the most material passages and actions which since that time hath contributed to the calamities it hath undergone," a work which was long preserved in manuscript by his posterity. From him descended the last Nicholas Plunkett of Dunsoghly, whose estates, on failure of his male issue, were divided amongst his three daughters, Mrs. Grace of Gracefield, Mrs. Malone of Pallas Park, and Mrs. Dunne of Brittas.

Near the ruins of Dunsoghly the botanist will find, *festuca loliacea*, spiked fescue grass, a grass which, it is to be remarked, rarely perfects its seed, and whose cultivation is consequently inconvenient and expensive; *silene inflata*, bladder catchfly. The natives of Zante eat the boiled leaves of this plant, which are said to partake of the flavour of green peas.—In an adjoining moor is found, *œnanthe phellandrium*, fine-leaved water dropwort; and, on the way sides, *silene nutans*, Nottingham catchfly.

## ST. MARGARET'S

next invites attention, with the ruins of the old church, which was dedicated to the saint who gives name to

the village, and was anciently dependant on the church of Finglas. These ruins, enwrapt in ivy, are not uninteresting, while near them is a fine mausoleum, erected in 1746, for Andrew Morgan and his posterity. His armorials appear in front, in white marble, over the entrance, with the motto, "*Regalis et fortis quamvis eradicata viresco*," under which is a slab charged with deaths' heads and cross-bones,—angels, with the trumpet of resurrection, hour-glasses, deaths with scythes, &c. Immediately attached to the church is a small chapel, now unroofed, built by Sir John Plunkett (before-mentioned at Dunsoghly), in the reign of Elizabeth, as a cemetery for his family. The architecture of this chapel is mean, though it presents a Gothic arched door, with a canopy supported by corbel heads, and a number of rude pinnacles and small crosses disposed like a battlement on the top of the wall. Over the doorway is a square tablet with the inscription, "*Joannes Plunkett de Dunsoghliâ Miles, Capitalis quondam Justiciarius Regii in Hiberniâ banci, hoc struxit sacellum*." There is a slab inside which records the time of his decease. From this little chapel grows out, like a transept, a smaller burial-place, now tenanted by a lonely elder tree.

These small chapels were more usually styled chantries, and were endowed for one or more priests, on condition of their saying mass and offering prayers for the soul of the founder, and such of his ancestors or descendants as he might have prescribed in the grant. All such gifts, however, and all possessions under them were rendered illegal in the time of King



Edward the Sixth. It may be remarked that Dugdale, in his History of St. Paul's Cathedral, mentions no less than forty-seven chantries as belonging to that church.

The churchyard of St. Margaret's has no monument worthy of note, unless perhaps one to the Hayden family from 1706, and another to that of Warren from 1722.

In the village, at the head of a very small common, are situated a plain but commodious Roman Catholic chapel, and a school in connexion with the National Board, and receiving therefrom for its support £10 annually; near them is the tepid spring formerly of such repute. It was dedicated to St. Brigid, and enclosed by the above-named Sir John Plunkett with a battlemented wall, so as to form a pleasant bath six yards long and three broad, still in good preservation; but fashion no longer acknowledges "the charms that sages had seen in its face;" and, although it is pleased to continue the sparkling ebullitions of its medical munificence, the '*quantum sufficit*' of mouths is no longer there to receive them. The temperature of this water is very low, being colder than the air in summer, but perceptibly warmer in winter, when it raises the thermometer to 51°. It is said to contain lime, muriate of soda, nitrate of kali, and sulphur, but the latter in a much smaller proportion; a steam rises from it in the winter, and it has never been known to freeze.

The parish of St. Margaret's extends over 2,400A. 3R. 5P., and was returned in 1831 as containing a

population of 325 persons. In the Protestant establishment it is a chapelry in the corps of the Chancellor of St. Patrick's; in the Catholic it is in the Union of Finglas. It was more anciently called the parish of Donagnor or Dowanor. Rent here varies from £2 to £3 10s. per acre.

In 1182 Pope Lucius confirmed to the Archbishop of Dublin the town of St. Margaret's with its appurtenances, while the chapelry, according to Archbishop Allen, continued for a long time to be a subject of controversy between the successive prelates of Dublin and the Prior of the Hospital of St. John without Newgate.

At the close of the fourteenth century a branch of the Taylor family flourished here.

An inquisition of 1547 finds the extent and value of its tithes, and that there was also annexed to the rectory a chief rent of 13s. 4d. yearly, issuing out of 14A. of land in the tenure of John Punkett near the Church of Dowanor. A return of 1660 defines the extent of the parish and its tithes, and for a notice in 1697 see *ante* at "Finglas."

About a mile and a half beyond St. Margaret's is the village of

#### CHAPEL-MIDWAY,

a chapelry in the Deanery of Swords, united with the vicarage of Killsallaghan, and in the gift of the king. Its population, according to the census of 1831, was 335 persons. Rent is here about £2 10s. per annum, wages seven shillings per week.

The church yard crowns a commanding height over the village, having in its centre the crypted ruins of the old religious edifice thickly matted over

with ivy, and presenting at one corner broken traces of the steps, that once conducted to a chapel above it. The consecrated ground is bordered by ash trees, and thickly covered with white thorn, black thorn, and elder, that cast a deep dark shade on the human soil from which they spring, as if the garish eye of day should not intrude upon this lonely resting-place.

Chapel-Midway was from very ancient time a chapelry annexed to the church of Killsallaghan, and is so reported in the Regal Visitation of 1615, which adds that the church was then nearly in ruins.

For notices in 1540 and 1613, see at "Killsallaghan." In 1673 the rectories of Chapel-Midway and Killsallaghan were granted to the Archbishop of Dublin and his successors, in trust for the incumbent, subject to the annual rent of £10 7s.

A dreary, uninteresting road leads hence to

#### KILLSALLAGHAN,

where are some remains of a once extensive castle. A plain, rustic church is also there, without any monument of note either in it or the surrounding graveyard, and near it is a glebehouse with a glebe of thirty-two acres. There is also a school here in connexion with the National Board, from which it receives £10 per annum, the number of its pupils was 106 in 1834.

The parish bears the same name, and, though included in the obvious course of this excursion, is wholly situated within the barony of Castleknock. It comprises 2730A. 3R. 37P., and ranks as a vicarage

united with the chapelry of Chapel Midway. In 1831 its population was returned as 581 persons, of whom the Protestants were stated as less than forty.

A monastery was founded here at an early age, which subsequently became parochial, when the church was dedicated to St. David, and in 1197, with the consent of Aubert de Lockhart, the proprietor of the soil, was granted to the canons of the abbey founded in Dublin in honour of St. Thomas-a-Becket, by whose community a vicar was endowed there.

In 1200, and subsequently, the family of de la Field, were seised of the lands of Killsallaghan by grant from the crown. See "Chapelized," in the year 1200. For a notice of the Cruises' possessions here in 1392, see at "Merrión." In 1412 Thomas, the son of Sir John Cruise, was seised of this manor by inheritance, and so transmitted it to his descendants.

In 1536 Patrick White of Killsallaghan had a grant of the office of second baron of the exchequer.

In 1537 an inquisition was taken concerning the possessions of its monastery. In 1539 its church was rated to the First Fruits at £5 6s., and in 1540, on the dissolution of monasteries, Henry Duff, the last abbot of that of St. Thomas, had a grant of a yearly pension of £42, Irish, chargeable on the tithes of the rectories of Greenock, Killsallaghan, Chapel-Midway, &c., with clause of distress, while smaller pensions were similarly charged for other members of that establishment. The lands of Stradbally, in this parish, then appertained to the religious house of Grace Dieu.

An inquisition of 1612 finds Philip Hoare seised of the castle, manor, town, and lands of Killsallaghan, containing 300A., exclusive of other adjacent lands, which were so held under the crown by knight's service. The document further states, that said Philip Hoare and others, the lords of this manor, had from time immemorial held a court baron and a court leet here. All these premises were surrendered in the same year to the crown by Hoare, who took out a fresh patent thereof, and died in 1630; they were, however, forfeited by his heir in the troubles of 1641.

In 1613 Dudley Norton, Esq., Chief Secretary of State for Ireland, had a grant of the rectories and tithes of Killsallaghan

and Chapel-Midway, parcel of the estate of the monastery of Thomas Court, and which had been theretofore held under grants from Queen Elizabeth to Turlough Mac Cabe and Sir Thomas Masterson. For a notice of Killsallaghan in 1615, see at "Chapel-Midway," and for notices of the exercise of presentation in 1622 and 1625, see at "Balrothery."

In 1641 this place was the station of Lieutenant General Byrne, and hither the Earl of Fingal led a party of sixty horsemen, and was met by Laurence Dowdall of Athlumney, Patrick Segrave of Killeglan, Patrick Barnewall of Kilbrew, Sir Richard Barnewall, Adam Cusack of Trevett, Nicholas Dowdall of Brownstown, and divers others. Ormond was thereupon commissioned to drive them from this castle. "His orders were to burn and destroy their haunts, and to kill all the inhabitants capable of bearing arms; but his proceeding was more moderate, nor were these petty excursions deemed, by military men, sufficiently interesting, when the gallant forces of Drogheda were surrounded by enemies, and exposed to the utmost severities of toil and famine."\* He, however, dislodged his opponents from this position, strengthened as it was by woods, ditches, barricadoes, and other fastnesses.

In 1661 the king presented Henry Brereton to this benefice, and in 1666 Sir George Lane Knight passed patent for the manor, castle, town, and lands of Killsallaghan, 269A., plantation measure, together with a windmill, six messuages, a court leet and a court baron, with 154A., like measure, adjoining thereto. About the same time Philip Hoare was one of the signers of the Roman Catholic remonstrance. For an important notice of Killsallaghan in 1673, see at "Chapel-Midway."

In 1680 Daniel Jackson was vicar on royal presentation, and in 1683 Viscount Lanesbrough died seised of the town and lands of Castletown and Killsallaghan 569A., in Swords 40A., in Rollesstown 5A., and a chief rent out of the manor of Westpalstown, &c.†

In 1697 the Rev. Mr. Scallery was returned as Roman Catholic pastor of half this parish, and the Rev. Mr. Murphy of the other moiety.

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\* Leland's Hist. of Ireland.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

In 1709 the vicarage was filled by Charles Smyth, who was succeeded in 1715 by Peter Wybrants, and he in 1732 by Edward Leigh, all on royal presentation. The latter had in 1735 a grant, from James Bennett, of ten acres of glebe in Stradbally within this parish.

In 1758 the king promoted Philip Yorke to this vicarage, who was succeeded in 1768 by Edward Day, he by Henry Parish in 1770, he by Maurice Collis in the same year, Collis by Richard Straubene Wolfe in 1801, Wolfe by Thomas Henry Kearney in 1803, he by Charles Milley Doyle in 1806, and his successors have been Mr. Gregg and Mr. Perrin the present incumbent.

In 1810 the Board of First Fruits lent £768 for the erection of the church here.

A beautifully shaded road leads hence to

#### FIELDSTOWN,

where is a sweet seat of Mr. Bourne, intersected by a pretty rivulet, and on every side surrounded by the shadiest hedged roads. In this demesne is a burial ground and some traces of the ancient chapel.

This edifice was, at a very early age, dedicated to St. Catherine, the Virgin and Martyr, and was subservient to the church of Clonmethan.

The history of St. Catherine states that she was born at Alexandria, and endowed with such a capacity, that in the year 305 she disputed with fifty heathen philosophers, all of whom she converted to the true faith. For this offence the Emperor Maxentius caused her to be cast into prison; but, being visited there by the empress and one of the principal generals of Maxentius, she converted them also, whereupon the emperor was so enraged, that he ordered her to be tortured with four cutting wheels, in which were saws of iron, sharp nails, and sharp knives; the wheels turned one against another, and thus the saws, knives, and nails met. She was so tied to one of the wheels, that the other being

turned the contrary way, her body might be torn in different places with the sharp instruments; she was afterwards beheaded. The Catherine wheel used for artificial fire works, derived its name from the instrument of her martyrdom, beside which she is usually represented as standing. St. Catherine being esteemed the patroness of learned men, her image is frequently to be seen in the libraries of the ancients. Her festival is observed on the 25th of November.

In the year 1200 and subsequently, this locality was the estate of the family of de la Field, from whom it derives its name.

In 1321 Nicholas Dowdall, prebendary of Clonmethan, in a petition preferred by him to parliament, stated, "that divers persons, aliens, strangers, and denizens, did frequent in considerable numbers, by way of pilgrimage, the chapel of St. Catherine the Virgin and Martyr of Fieldstown, which was appropriated and annexed to the prebend of Clonmethan, being for the health and safety of their souls, and accomplishment of their petitions and prayers: and those persons he complained had been repeatedly vexed and molested on divers pretences, by reason of which they were obliged to lay aside said devotions and pilgrimages." Parliament accordingly ordained that the persons and properties of all such pilgrims should, during their pilgrimage, be under the protection of the king, and that no such person should be arrested on any writ or authority whatever, for debt, treason, felony, or trespass, until said pilgrimage should be accomplished; provided that during their going thither, dwelling there, and returning, they did behave peaceably to the king's liege subjects. It was also ordained, that any officer who should vex or arrest the persons, or molest the houses of such pilgrims contrary to the statute, should forfeit for every such offence the sum of £20.\* These patrons, however, subsequently rather inducing superstition than religion, and leading in licentiousness and riot were very commendably suppressed.

In 1479 this property passed from the old proprietors, the de la Fields, to Sir Richard Barnewall, ancestor of the Viscounts Kingsland, on his marriage with Catherine de la Field. To his

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\* Statute Roll, 14 Edw. IV.

son Patrick Barnewall of Fieldstown, the Prior of the Abbey of Louth granted a pension in 1539 of 13s. 4d. during his life for his good services; while the Prior of Great Connal in the county of Kildare, gave him an annuity of 40s. for his good counsel given and to be given. A considerable portion of this townland remained in the Barnewall family to a very recent date.

In 1535 Patrick Barnewall of Fieldstown had a grant of the office of sergeant-at-law and solicitor general; and, in the Act of Absentees passed in 1537, there is a special clause that nothing therein should be hurtful or prejudicial to Patrick Barnewall of Fieldstown, his heirs, &c. in respect to certain lands, which he held of "the monastery of the Blessed Lady of Carmel."

An inquisition of 1546 states the tithes of Fieldstown chapelry as payable to the prebendary of Clonmethan, out of the townland of Fieldstown, being of the yearly value of £4 0s. 4d. besides altarges, and £3 6s. 8d. annually arising out of the chapel, assigned to the curate there for his stipend.

The regal visitation of 1615 reports the church of Fieldstown improper, and the curacy annexed to the church of Clonmethan. For a notice of Lord Howth's possessions here in 1619, see at "Howth," and of the Barnewalls in 1685, see at "Turvey." Of the canal projected from Malahide hither, see *ante*, "Malahide," at 1788.

#### THE FAMILY OF DE LA FIELD,

still indissolubly identified with this locality, notwithstanding their total estrangement from its possession, were originally derived from Alsace, and long resided in the chateau that bears their name, situated in a pass of the Vosges mountains, about three days' journey from Colmar. They were also lords of considerable possessions in Lorraine. The ruins of their castle and its chapel yet remain, and afford a picturesque but melancholy memorial of the splendour of the Counts of L. Field, as styled by du Chesne, who records the tributes they claimed, the retinue and hospitality they maintained, as well as the difficulties they encountered in the early wars of Germany and France, notwithstanding the assistance they received



from the Earls of Flanders, and the house of Hapsburg, to both of which they were allied by marriage :

“ La croix d'or de la Feld luisant parmi les,  
En courageux défi lances des armées de la France.”

A cadet of this noble line came over to England about the time of the Conqueror, and, accordingly, Hubert de la Field is recorded as a tenant *in capite* in Buckinghamshire, in the third year of the reign of that monarch, as is also John de la Field in 1109. King John early in his reign granted a considerable estate at Streatham in Surrey, which had been the property of Peter “ Feald,” to William de Rivers, Earl of Devonshire, and in 1253 John de la Feld intermarried with Elizabeth Fitzwarine, from which marriage descended the de la Felds of Field Place in Sussex, as also the de la Felds of the above locality of Fieldstown, and in right of which marriage, the head of this sept now claims the title of Fitzwarine as a barony in fee. About the year 1270 Ralph de Feld granted six acres in Botlowe (Gloucestershire), to the abbey of Flaxley, while other members of the family were, at the same time, settled in Hertfordshire and Kent. In 1299 Adam de la Field was one of the king's valets on service in the castle of Loughmaban and in the king's army, for which he received for himself and his “ mailed ” horse, an allowance of twelve pence per day. About the same period, Reginald de la Field was a landed proprietor in the palatinate of Meath. In 1315 Robert de la Feld was keeper of the tallies under the Earl of Warwick.

In 1344 John, the son of John de la Field, was seised of the manor of Skidow in the county of Dublin, and in 1359, was one of the three appointed to assess and collect a subsidy over that county. In 1373 the sheriff thereof was directed to summon this John de la Field amongst others, the chief men of the county, to a great council. In 1385 the king, in consideration of the great expense which Alexander, Bishop of Ossory, had, while Treasurer of Ireland, incurred in Munster and elsewhere, granted to him the custody of the estates of John, the son of John de la Field, deceased, to hold same during the minority of said John's brother and heir, Richard de la Field. In 1389 Michael de la Felde was Vicar of St. Mary's church of Callan, and Dean of St. Canice's

cathedral, Kilkenny ; and in 1390 Richard Field was installed one of the canons of the free chapel in Windsor.

In 1402 Thomas Felde, merchant of Salisbury, petitioned the English parliament, stating that he had been plundered of various goods and merchandise by the French on the high sea, and praying, therefore, letters of marque and reprisal. In the same year in Ireland, Walter de la Felde was appointed one of four collectors of a subsidy, granted by the commonalty of the county of Dublin, while Thomas de la Feld had a similar commission in the barony of Duleek ; John de la Feld was at this time seised of Fieldstown, which his daughter and heiress Catherine having inherited, passed with her on her marriage with Richard, the son of John Barnewall of Trimlestown, as above-mentioned.

In 1416 John Felde was one of the knights who served under the Duke of Gloucester, at the battle of Agincourt. In 1454 another of the same name was sheriff of London, became subsequently an alderman thereof, and merchant of the staple of Calais. He died in 1474, and has a fine monument erected to his memory in the cathedral of Hereford. In 1479 Doctor Field, Warden of Winchester, was a considerable benefactor to King's College, Cambridge ; and in 1480 one of this family was Master of Fotheringay College, the windows of which he considerably beautified, as recorded by Camden.

In the commencement of the sixteenth century, Patrick de la Field of Painstown intermarried with Elizabeth, the daughter of Thomas Cusack of Geraldstown, and granddaughter of the sixteenth baron of Howth. A branch of the Fields was about the same time settled at Corduff in the County of Dublin. In 1534 Captain James de la Field, chief of the sept, was one of the adherents of the unfortunate Thomas Fitz-Gerald, and in his cause besieged the castle of Dublin ; but the citizens having closed their gates, and thus cut off his party from communicating with their friends, some of Field's detachment were fain to escape by swimming over the river, but the greater number were taken prisoners.

About the same time a branch of the Fields was planted at Shipley in Yorkshire ; and at the close of this century flourished Mr. Field the Puritan, notices of whose writings are preserved in

Collier's Poetical Decameron, as are some of his letters in the Cottonian Manuscripts. In the celebrated conference of 1603, between the Presbyterians and the members of the Established Church, held at Hampton Court before King James, as moderator; Doctor Field was one of the deputed divines of the latter side. In consequence of this meeting, which lasted three days, a new translation of the Bible was ordered, and some alterations made in the liturgy. In 1616 died Richard Field, Canon of Windsor and Dean of Gloucester, he was buried at the former place. In 1620 Dr. Field was Bishop of Landaff.

In the seventeenth century James de la Field was possessed of considerable estates in the County of Monaghan, while members of the family flourished at Stanstedbury in Hertfordshire, at Ardestow in Yorkshire, at Madley in Herefordshire, at Pagan Hall in Gloucestershire, at Ashford in Middlesex, as likewise in Hampshire.

In 1664 John de la Field was one of those who petitioned for a remuneration to Sir Robert Talbot and others, who had been agents for the Roman Catholic nobility and gentry of Ireland, such remuneration to be levied off the estates of the restored Roman Catholics. A branch of the Field family was then settled in Cork, two of whose descendants, John and Richard Field, were amongst those attainted in King James's parliament of 1689, while another member established himself in Armagh, of which town John Field was sovereign in 1715, 1720, 1724, 1725, and 1728.

In 1697 John de la Field, a descendant of the marriage mentioned at 1253, who had entered the imperial service, acquitted himself with distinguished gallantry at the battle of Zenta in Hungary, fought by Prince Eugene against the Turks, and was thereupon created a Count of the Holy Roman Empire. In the records of the ensuing period, various members of the family are traced at Islington, at Woodford in Essex, at Kingston-upon-Hull, at Camden Hill, Kensington, and in Lancashire.

From Fieldstown the course of this excursion enters the parish of

## KILLOSSERY,

otherwise called Ashbourne-rath, and stated in an ancient document as comprising the following townlands :

	ACRES.		ACRES.
Killossery . . . . .	80	Brazeel . . . . .	100
Rath of Killossery . . . .	172	Mount Stewart . . . . .	40
Blackhall . . . . .	40	Newtown Brazeel . . . . .	27
Rollestown . . . . .	240	Leys Brazeel . . . . .	50
Lispobel . . . . .	320	Morgan's-bush . . . . .	20
Surgotestown . . . . .	240	Scatternagh . . . . .	60
Brackdenstown . . . . .	80	Knockbryan and Dromin . .	17
Willybush . . . . .	20		

Mention is also made of Caddelstown as appertaining thereto, but no account is given of its specific contents.

The rectory being appropriated to the dean and chapter of St. Patrick's, and the tithes to its economy, Killossery ranks as but a curacy in the union and deanery of Swords, extending, according to the Trigonometrical Survey, over 2731A. OR. 28P. Its total population was returned in 1831 as 380 persons, of whom 374 are stated to be Roman Catholics.—There is a school in the parish to which the National Board allows £10 per annum, and which in 1834 was attended by 121 pupils. The principal lord of the fee is a Mr. Coote resident in Hampshire.

Within the ivied ruins of its ancient church, which was dedicated to St. Brigid,\* is a tombstone

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\* Repertorium Viride.

commemorative of the Reverend Philip O'Reilly, parish priest of Rollestown in 1789.

For a notice of Killossery and the origin of the name of Ashbourne, see at "Pickerstown" in 1359, and for another notice in 1489, see "Swords" at that year.

An inquisition of 1547 defines the extent and value of the economy's tithes here, which were in 1565 demised for twenty-one years, at the annual rent of £13 6s. 8d. to Henry Draycot, as the tithes personal, predial, and mixed, of corn and hay from the rectory, &c., of Killossery.

In 1584 Queen Elizabeth granted to Ellen and Richard Nugent of Kilkarne, the lands of Kilmore and other denominations containing 240A., the town of Curragh, and a farm in the Rath of Killossery 60A., &c., to hold at a certain annual rent.

At the close of this century Philip Hoare held of George Cadell, as of his manor of Cadellstown, four messuages and one carucate of land in the town and fields of Killossery, *alias* the Rath of Killossery, *alias* Ashbourne-rath, annual value, four shillings, also a water-mill and fulling-mill here,\* all which premises said Philip surrendered to the crown in 1612, and having taken out a fresh patent thereof, died seised of the same in 1630. His heir was attainted and outlawed for his politics in 1641, but Philip Hoare obtained a fresh patent of the same property. For a notice of the Nugent property here in 1611, see at "Cloghran-Swords."

The regal visitation of 1615 returns this church as then inappropriate to the economy of St. Patrick's Cathedral. At which time Robert Barnewall of Dunbroe, held two messuages and 50A. here from the king, in capite for knight's service.†

In 1641 Thomas Conran forfeited a moiety of Surgotstown, 125A. in this parish, which he held from the Archbishop of Dublin, subject to chief rent.‡

In 1666 Philip Hoare passed patent for (*inter alia*) 123A., plantation measure, in the Rath of Killossery, *alias* Ashbourne-

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

‡ Ib.

rath, with two water-mills there, &c. For a notice of its tithes in 1681, see *ante* at "Malahide."

In 1682 Christopher Fagan died seised in tail male of the small tithes of the Rath of Killossery, therein stated to be in the Barony of Coolock.\* For a notice of the Barnewall possessions here in 1685, see at "Turvey." In 1697 Edmund Murphy was returned as parish priest of Killossery, and resident in Rollestown.

In 1703 Robert Echlin had a grant of 39A., part of the Rath of Killossery, "the estate of Richard Fagan attainted," while John Asgill passed patent for 158A. in said Rath and in Willybush, "the estate of Martin Dillon, attainted," subject, however, to certain remainders to the Dillon family.

Hence, crossing a pretty stream, the tourist arrives at

#### ROLLESTOWN,

a neat, shady village, adjoining the residence of Mr. Stubbs.

Rollestown and Old-town give their names to the Roman Catholic union, which comprises the Protestant parishes of Clonmethan and Palmerstown near Greenock, and the greater parts of those of Killossery and Killsallaghan. There are Catholic chapels both here and at Old-town. The former is a plain, neat edifice, adjacent to which is the residence of its rector, sweetly situated, and commanding, from the back windows, pleasing views of the ruins at Killsallaghan, the mill and river of Rollestown, Mr. Stubbs's improvements, &c. A pretty trout stream winds through the valley, in whose water the minnow has become very abundant, having ascended from the river of Turvey, into which

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

Mr. Cobbe of New Bridge caused some of this Welch bait to be thrown.

For a notice of the see lands of Rollestown in 1408, see at "Portrane." In the time of Archbishop Allen this locality was likewise known by the name of Scacerny.

At the close of the sixteenth century Thomas Belling was seised of one messuage, and five acres in Rollestown, which he held of the Archbishop of Dublin by fealty, and in 1683 George Viscount Lanesborough died seised of five acres here, which he held of the king in free and common soccage.\*

## CLONMETHAN,

the next locality, forms a prebend in St. Patrick's Cathedral, valued at £638 per annum, and paying £5 8s. 1½*d.* to the First Fruits. Its rectory and vicarage were united in 1675 with the vicarages of Palmerstown, Greenock, Westpalstown, Ballymadun, and Ballyboghill, but Greenock has been latterly severed from the union. The church here is a small, unadorned structure, for the repairs of which the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have granted £175 4s. 11*d.* It contains no monuments, nor are there any in the surrounding graveyard. Near it is the glebe house, with 55*A.* of glebe attached to it. In the adjacent Old-town is a plain Roman Catholic chapel, in the vestry of which a poor school is kept, which is attended by about forty children.

The parish comprises 3027*A.*, 3*R.*, 19*P.*, in ten townlands; the half of this tract belongs to the see of Dublin. The population of the whole was returned

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

in 1821 as 440, and in 1831 as 677, while a later report states that there are not ten Protestants in this census. Rent here varies from £1 5s. to £2 per acre.

The church here was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and was one of the thirteen originally granted to St. Patrick's Cathedral by the founder. It is called by Allen a sacerdotal prebend, and is placed by him next after St. Audeon's. To it was subservient the chapel of Fieldstown.

Early in the thirteenth century, the canons of St. Patrick's Cathedral were engaged in two controversies with the prior and canons of Lanthony near Gloucester, in reference to the prebend of Clonmethan. The first concerned the right of burial at Grallagh, which the former claimed as belonging to said prebend, and the latter as appertaining to the church of Hollywood, of which they were rectors. The second difference was about a similar right to the burials in the chapel of St. James's, Palmerstown near Greenock, which the canons of St. Patrick's claimed as an appendage of the prebend of Clonmethan, and the Prior of Lanthony as appertaining to the church of Garristown. Both matters were submitted to the Metropolitan, who determined in the former case that the burials of the chapel of Grallagh should belong to the mother church of Hollywood, but that the vicar should pay four shillings per annum to the Prebendary of Clonmethan. In the latter he decided that the chapel of Palmerstown near Greenock, with its burials, should belong to the church of Garristown, but that the prior and convent of Lanthony should pay to the vicar of that chapel four marks yearly; the vicar was moreover to pay a pension of five shillings yearly, at the feast of St. Michael, to the Prebendary of Clonmethan, as a full compensation for any right he might have to the said burials.\*

In 1216 Pope Innocent the Third confirmed to the see of Dublin, amongst other possessions, Clonmethan with its appurtenances. For a notice in 1227, see "*Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin.*"

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\* Allen's Registry, f. 196.



In 1306 the prebend was valued at twenty marks, and in 1598 at £28 6s. 8d. For a notice of Clonmethan in 1317, see *post* at "Lusk."

In 1414 Thomas Cranley, Prebendary of Clonmethan, was sued for two-third parts of the issues and profits of said prebend for two years, having been an absentee therefrom, but; on production of the king's letters patent licensing his absence, the claim was given up.\*

In 1475 Nicholas Dowdall, Prebendary of Clonmethan, had license of absence for eight years to enable him to prosecute his studies at Oxford. The Begge family were at this time seised of certain lands here. See "Grace Dieu" at 1533.

At the dissolution Nicholas Lyn was Prebendary of Clonmethan, at which time an inquisition taken stated the possessions of the prebend as one manse and eight acres of land, value 8s.; the tithes of the hamlets of Clonmethan, Old-town, Killeene, Cabragh, Morton, Jordantown, Cotterelstown, Newinnings, Wyanstown, and the fifty acres near Morton, worth per annum (exclusive of the altarages and demesne assigned for the curate at Clonmethan and repair of the chancel) £17 5s. together with the tithes of Fieldstown (exclusive of the altarages and stipend assigned to the curate.) In 1547 the rectory of Clonmethan was leased to John Talbot of Malahide, and by him assigned to Patrick Barnewall of Grace-Dieu for twenty-one years at £21 5s. 4d. annual rent.

In 1560 Alexander Craike, Prebendary of Clonmethan and Dean of St. Patricks, was promoted to the see of Kildare, retaining, however, the deanery of St. Patrick's therewith, "inasmuch as the said bishopric as well in spirituals as temporals, by continual and intolerable oppression of the Irish rebels, is become so small and poor as to be inefficient for keeping of hospitality, and maintaining other charges which the said bishop is obliged to support." In 1561 Walter Hill was prebendary. He was also vicar of Lusk, and contributed largely towards the repair of that church. In 1564 Robert Daly, who had been prebendary of this place, was consecrated Bishop of Kildare, and held this prebend with the vicarage of Swords in commendam. The queen's letter of this

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\* Rot. ex Arch. in Dom. Cap. Westm.

year mentions, that he "is well commended to her for his good name and honest living, and the rather because he was well able to preach in the Irish tongue."

The regal visitation book of 1615 states this prebend as of the yearly value of £85, and that Thomas Richmond was then curate here. In 1667 the Archbishop of Dublin had a grant of fifty acres plantation measure here, with various other lands in augmentation of his see; and in 1675 the parishes of Clonmethan, Balmadun, Palmerstown, Grenogue, Westpalstown, and Ballyboghil, were united by act of council.

In 1695 Henry Rider, Bishop of Killaloe, was buried in this church.

In 1697 the Reverend Edmund Murphy was returned as the Roman Catholic pastor of this parish, together with those of Palmerstown, Killsallaghan, and Killester.

In 1716 Archbishop King, by virtue of a power vested in him by act of parliament, granted to the Prebendary of Clonmethan and his successors for ever as a glebe for that parish, the following lands, viz. the five-acre park with garden and cabin adjoining thereto; the two-acre park, and four acres and a half adjoining to the five-acre park, and the rest of Begge's land, being eight acres and a half, all lying near the church of Clonmethan, for which the incumbent was to pay £1 10s. yearly to the archbishop. In 1720 John Grattan, A. M., was installed into this prebend. It was to him Dean Swift bequeathed the silver box, in which the freedom of the city of Dublin had been presented to him, and in which, says the testator, "I desire the said John to keep the tobacco he usually cheweth called pig-tail." The dean also nominated this Mr. Grattan one of his executors. In the same year Doctor Harrison built a glebe house here, and obtained a certificate from the archbishop of having expended thereon £300.

A terrier of 1754 with a map annexed, and lodged in the diocesan registry office, specifies the extent of the rector's glebe here as 34A. 0R. 14P., and his glebe in Ballymadun as 19A. 2R. 5P. The ecclesiastical report of 1807 notices only the last-mentioned glebe. There was at that time no glebe house, but the Board of First Fruits has since granted £1350 for the erection of one, and in 1808 further granted £500 for enlarging the church, but

the parish resisted payment of cess therefore, and the question being at issue in the courts of law the church remained unfinished.

The succession of the Prebendaries of Clonmethan was as follows, as far as can be ascertained :—

1275 — de Nottingham.	1683 John Brereton.
1402 Thomas de Everdon.	1702 Theophilus Harrison.
1410 Thomas Crawley.	1720 John Grattan.
1475 Nicholas Dowdall.	1741 Bryan Robinson.
1546 Nicholas Lyn.	1743 Caleb Cartwright.
1555 George Browne.	1763 Patrick Kenny.
1559 Alexander Craike.	1789 Robert Baylis Dealtry.
1561 Walter Hill.	1795 Lionel Viscount Strang-
1561 Robert Daly.	ford.
1615 Nicholas Robinson.	1801 John Beresford Hill.
1619 William Pulley.	1803 Storer Charles Littlehales.
1628 Richard Powell.	1811 William Hughes.
1642 Robert Boyle.	1813 Thomas Radcliffe.
1661 John Brereton.	1835 Montague Leaver Short.

Near Clonmethan is Wyanstown, an estate also belonging to the see of Dublin.

As the course of this excursion continues hence to traverse the barony of Balrothery, with the exception of the locality of Rogerstown which is in Nethercross, and Lambay accounted in Coolock, a few words may be here premised concerning

#### THE BARONY OF BALROTHERY.

This maritime district, according to the survey and valuation of 1824, comprises fourteen parishes subdivided into 174 townlands, and has been assessed to the ancient subsidies as extending over 30,370 arable acres, and 1699 acres then deemed unprofitable. The

parishes there assigned to it are Lusk, Holmpatrick, Baldungan, Balrothery, Balscadden, Naul, Hollywood, Grallagh, Garristown, Ballymadun, Palmerstown, Westpalstown, Ballyboghil, and Dunabate. In this scope are twelve small towns and sixteen villages. The surface of the barony is for the most part level, and the soil productive, resting almost entirely on limestone. It is, however, badly supplied with rivers, and its harbours have not been much improved. Being the most remote from the metropolis it is principally used in tillage.

The quantity of ground forfeited herein in 1641, was returned as 19,948A. profitable, and 738A. unprofitable, while the glebe lands were stated at the same time as 334A.

Passing out of Clonmethan, the first locality worthy of notice is

#### DRISHOGUE,

i. e. the brambly district,

One of the manors confirmed by King Henry the Second to the abbey of the Blessed Virgin, subsequently further assured to that house by John Earl of Morton in 1185, and which continued so appropriated down to the time of the dissolution, when, by inquisition of 1541, the abbot of that abbey was found seised of two messuages, 114A. of arable, 4A. of meadow, and 102A. of pasture here, annual value, besides reprises £4 10s., while a subsequent inquisition finds John Bathe seised of a messuage and 60A. here, which he held of the king *in capite* by knight's service.\*

In 1542 Patrick Barnewall had a grant of the monastic pos-

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

sessions in Drishogue, while for another portion 120A. plantation measure, James Duke of York passed patent in 1666; the latter, on his attainder, were in 1708 granted to Marmaduke Coghill, Esq., while for the former, with a considerable addition, Lord Kingsland passed fresh patent in 1685.

## LISPOBEL,

the succeeding locality, suggests in its name, i. e. the fort of the people, that it was the ancient site of an humbler Areopagus, a justice mount of the Brehon dispensation, and certainly commands from its high grounds, a most extensive landscape over the barony of Balrothery, terminated in mountainous succession by the heights of Garristown, Mullahow, the Man of War, Baldungan with its ruins, Lambay, &c.

Although this place now presents no traces of a religious edifice, it had formerly one of the five chapelries subservient to Swords.

In 1202 Philip de Nugent gave to the priory of Christ Church two acres of LispoBEL, and in the village of LispoBEL half an acre, adjoining his mansion near the river, on the west side, to build a house on, with the depasturage of his entire holding there.\*

In the sixteenth century, this locality was the property of the Kynton family, from whom it passed to that of Barnewall, a portion being vested in the Lords of Howth. For a notice in 1619, see at "Howth." In 1641 Richard Barnewall of LispoBEL was one of those on whose head the Lords Justices and Council, in their sanguinary appraisement, set a price of £400. His possessions here were thereupon forfeited, and in 1659 the Protector demised them with other lands, to Sir John Temple for a term of fifty-one years.

In 1666 Sir George Rawdon had a grant of the town and lands of LispoBEL 545A. statute measure, Nuttstown 444A., as also of the

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\* Registry of Christ Church.

denominations of Weystown and Cordanstown, of which he died seised in 1684. This grant was made in pursuance of a clause in the Act of Settlement, and in consideration of a sum of £2324 10s. 4d., due to him "for provisions and money disbursed for the use of the army in Ireland."

In 1685 Lord Kingsland passed patent for (*inter alia*) the mill of Lispobel, while in 1691 a recovery was suffered to the use of the St. Lawrence family of their estates in Lispobel, Parnellstown, Effolstown, Balliskadden, Boranston, &c.

A pretty shaded road, with hawthorns at the one side, and the luxuriant furze at the other, leads hence back by the course of the river, direct to Rollestown and Fieldstown. The present line of inquiry, however, turns to

#### SKIDOW,

a townland, the fee of Mr. Coote, an absentee.

Its tithes were early appropriated to the economy of St. Patrick's.

In 1344 Skidow was accounted a manor, and is so described in records of that period, John the son of John de la Field being then seised thereof.

In 1542 Patrick Barnewall had a grant for ever of Skidow, and sundry other lands in this vicinity. An inquisition of 1547 ascertained the extent and value of the tithes of this denomination, which were in 1564 demised by the chapter of St. Patrick's to Barnaby Scurloghe, "in consideration of good council to be given by him during life to the chapter." In 1645 the same tithes were leased by the chapter to Lord Chief Baron Byssie, and he, being at that time Recorder, likewise covenanted to give the chapter "good counsel in matters of law during his life." For a notice of the tithes of Skidow in 1683, see "Killeigh."

In 1685 Lord Kingsland passed patent for (*inter alia*) Skidow and Balgeeth 360 acres.

## CORDUFF,

the next locality on this route worthy of notice, was anciently a manor of the Ormond family, and for four centuries the residence of that of Stanyhurst, of whom the following notices may not seem irrelevant :—

## THE FAMILY OF STANYHURST.

In 1413 Henry Stanyhurst of Corduff, was secondary of the Exchequer chamber in Ireland.

In 1489 Richard Stanyhurst was Lord Mayor of Dublin, as was Nicholas Stanyhurst in 1542, of which latter Holinshed says, "he was so great and good a householder, that during his mayoralty the Lord Chancellor of the realm was his daily and ordinary guest." This Nicholas, it would seem, was the author of some medical works.

In 1560, according to the learned Doctor John Lynch, Roman Catholic Archdeacon of Tuam, in his "*Cambrensis Eversus*," the Statute of Uniformity was carried by the artifice of Mr. Stanyhurst of Corduff, then Speaker of the House of Commons, who, being in the reforming interest, privately got together, on a day when the house was not to sit, a few such members as he knew to be favourers of that interest, and passed the bill in the absence of all those who he believed would give it opposition. This was James Stanyhurst, Recorder of Dublin, and one of its representatives in parliament. He was Speaker of the House of Commons in three parliaments, in 1557, 1560, and 1568, and published his three "orations" on these occasions. In 1570, on the re-meeting of the last parliament, he opened it according to the custom in a speech, which Campion has fully set forth in his "*Historie of Ireland*." "In particular," said he on this occasion, "the zeal which I have to the reformation of this realm, and to breed in the rudest of our people resolute English hearts, moveth me to pray your lordships' helping hand for the practice, namely, of one statute which is for the erecting of grammar-schools within every diocese, the stipends

to be levied in such proportion as in the late act hath been devised, whereunto the royal assent is already granted, and yet, the point in no forwardness, nor in none is like to be, excepting by some good means the onset be given, and freshly followed." This James also proposed and digested a plan for re-establishing and endowing the College of Dublin. He died in 1573, being then fifty-one years old. One of his sons, Walter Stanyhurst, translated into English, "*Innocent de contemptu mundi*."

About the year 1584 flourished Richard Stanyhurst, the son of James Stanyhurst, and uncle to Archbishop Usher, his sister Margaret being that prelate's mother. He received the rudiments of his education in Ireland, under the celebrated schoolmaster, Peter White, from whose care he removed in 1563 to Oxford, where he took one degree, and thence retiring to London, studied the law in Furnival's, and subsequently in Lincoln's Inn. He afterwards returned to his own country, where he married and sojourned some time, but, being desirous of greater liberty in the enjoyment of his religion, which was Roman Catholic, he went into the Low Countries, where he acquired great fame for his learning. Afterwards, on the death of his wife, he took orders, and being eminent for his parts and learning, was made chaplain to Albert Archduke of Austria, then Governor of the Spanish Netherlands, where he died in 1618. During the latter interval of his life, he held a constant correspondence with his nephew, Archbishop Usher. While a very young man, he wrote "*Harmonia seu catena Dialectica in Porphyrium*," which was published in 1570, and is much commended by Doctor Campion, the Jesuit. His more celebrated production, "*De Rebus in Hiberniâ Gestis*," was, with an appendix from Giraldus Cambrensis, and some annotations, published at Antwerp in 1584. Keating animadverts in strong terms upon this work, and his censures are well merited by the errors and malicious representations with which it abounds, seasoned with a few incontrovertible statements, and wilfully lavished on the calumniated Irish. Some idea of the credibility of his assertions may be formed, from his calling them an inhospitable nation, lamenting that their language was not extirpated, and denying that a country, whose armorial bearing is the harp, had any knowledge or character of music. Keating observes, that he was



too young and unacquainted with the Irish language to undertake such a work, and asserts, that "he was prejudiced with the rewards and preferments which were promised him to blacken the nation, but that he lived to repent this injustice, and when he had entered into holy orders, promised to recant publicly all the falsehoods he had published, and that he (Keating) was credibly informed that a writing was drawn up for that purpose, in order to be printed in Ireland." He further employs some pages in defending Ireland from the vituperations of this writer, not perceiving that the very style of the book is as injurious to its authority, as the extravagances of Keating himself have been to the credit of Irish history. It is, however, but justice to add, that Stanyhurst's work contains much valuable information. He also wrote "*de Vitâ S. Patricii*," printed at Antwerp in 1587, and some other religious works; likewise a translation, in heroic verse, of the first four books of the *Æneid*, the first of which he dedicated to "Peter Plunkett, the learned Baron of Dunsany," whom he styles his brother. It may be mentioned, as this his translation is most rare, that the curious inquirer will find sufficient to acquaint him with its style, in the first volume of Sir Egerton Brydges's "*Censura Literaria*." To this he added translations of the four first psalms, the first in English iambics, though he confesses that "the iambical quantity relisheth somewhat unsavourily in our language, being, in truth, not altogether the toothsomest in the Latin." At the end of the work is a Latin epitaph by himself on his wife Genet, daughter of Sir Christopher Barnewall, who died in childbirth at Knightsbridge, and who was buried at Chelsea. He also wrote in English, "a Description of Ireland," dedicated to Sir Henry Sydney, then Lord Deputy of Ireland, and published in Holinshed's *Chronicles*. This "description" likewise received meet chastisement from an author of the name of Barnaby Rich, who drew up a new and improved account of this country in 1610. Some of Richard's Letters, also, are preserved in *Burman's Sylloge*. He had a son named William, who was born at Brussels in 1601, and at the age of sixteen entered into the Society of the Jesuits. He was a man endowed with excellent parts, and a writer of several treatises, of which Sotvellus in his *Bibliotheca Sript. Soc. Jes.* gives a catalogue. He died in 1663.

The northern road from Corduff to Balrothery presents at Ballough a small Roman Catholic chapel of ease ; and from a hill beyond that commands a magnificent panorama by land and sea, including the interesting ruins of Lusk and Baldungan, the villages of Rush and Malahide, the heights of Howth, Lambay, Hollywood, and Garristown, with countless other objects of interest. A short way beyond this the steeper eminence of the Man of War affords even more extensive prospects ; while the ruins of a once comfortable and greatly frequented inn on its summit, and the immense Magog head, that was its sign and gave name to the locality, now fallen from its high estate, and smoking a prodigious pipe with wondrous disproportion over the entrance to a cabin, induce some salutary reminiscences of the many bridal groups and joyous parties that have partaken its festive fare, and, like it, sunk into oblivion.

The course, however, of this excursion, passes from Corduff, over one of the isolated districts which constitute the barony of Nethercross, into the interesting village of

#### LUSK,

where the tourist's attention is first attracted by the remains of its ancient parochial church, which, though still used for worship, are so ruinous, that the buttresses present the dangerous features of ash trees springing from all their crevices.

The edifice consists of two long aisles, divided by

a range of seven arches ; the east end of the southern aisle being all now required and fitted up for the Protestant service. Entering this, the stone basin for holy water is seen, and near it a baptismal font, elevated on a pedestal, and bored at the bottom, in conformity with the canon of Archbishop Comyn's synod, "to convey, after the ceremony of baptism, the holy water down to mother earth." Near it is inserted, in one of the stopped up arches that divide the two aisles, a very ancient monument, which was dug up in 1753, composed of coarse grit stone, and of the ordinary dimensions. A representation of our Saviour on the cross in relievo, occupies two-thirds of its length ; while the upper third presents at left the bust of an old man, with a ball and cross in his hand ; and at right an armorial, on which a bird alone can be plainly traced. In the same line is a black slab, to the memory of Captain Richard Roe, of Bullock in this county, who died in 1656 ; while on the opposite wall is another to the Archdall family, since 1751 ; and a large tomb to that of "Umfries," since 1713.

In the section now appropriated to divine worship, immediately before the communion table, is the costly and noble monument of Sir Christopher Barnewall, of Turvey, (grandfather of Nicholas, first Viscount Kingsland,) and his lady, who survived him, and married Sir Lucas Dillon, of Moymet, in the county Meath. It is composed of different materials, the principal figures being sculptured in grey Italian marble, whilst the lower part of the tomb is entirely of Kilkenny

marble. Sir Christopher is represented in a rich suit of armour, his head bare, and his hands joined over his breast in a devotional posture : his feet rest on the body of a greyhound. His lady appears lying beside him, dressed in a round cap and high ruffles ; her gown, thickly plaited round the waist, puffed on the shoulders, and richly embroidered ; her petticoat is designed as of sumptuous cloth of gold ; and from her girdle hangs a chain of superior workmanship, to which is appendant a scapular, two inches square. At her feet, which can scarcely be distinguished, is placed a lap-dog. Her hands, like those of her husband, are crossed devotionally on her bosom, and the head of each reposes on an embroidered pillow. The sides are sculptured with the armorials of the Dillons and Barnewalls. The whole of this fine piece of sculpture is barbarously smothered up by the steps and platform into a pulpit, which exactly rests upon the faces of those fine figures. See of this Sir Christopher very fully, *ante*, in the memoir of "the Family of Barnewall."

In the north aisle is a tomb of black marble, bearing the effigies of a knight in armour, the visor unclosed, and his sword across the left thigh, the hands joined over the breast in the attitude of prayer, and the feet resting upon a dog : the inscription on the exergue states this "to be the monument of James Bermingham of Ballough, and his wife Eleanora Fitz William, who died in 1637." Beside it, encompassed with an iron railing, is another tomb of Kilkenny marble, erected to the memory of Sir Robert Echlin,

of Rush, who died in 1757. This is inscribed with the lines—

“Here lies an honest man without pretence,  
Blessed with plain reason, and with common sense;  
Calmly he looked on either life, and here  
Saw nothing to regret, or there to fear:  
From nature’s temperate feast rose satisfied,  
Thanked Heaven that he had lived, and that—he died.”

There are also in this aisle a tombstone to Christopher Russell, who died in 1750, erected near the spot where his relative, Archbishop Russell, was buried; and a mural slab, of white marble, and two tombstones beneath, to the Rev. Nicholas Wade, parish priest of St. Michan’s, Dublin, who died in 1802, and his ancestors of New Haggard and Tomminstown, since 1738. Here was formerly exhibited, according to Brewer, a vestige of antiquity, supposed to be part of an idol appertaining to the Danes. “Its material,” he adds, “resembles stone, but is as weighty as the most ponderous mineral: the carving represents the human features in a modification fancifully hideous, the face being about seven inches broad, and the head, without neck or body, attached to a pair of kneeling thighs and legs.” This relic cannot, however, now be found; but there is in the wall opposite the entrance, a curious stone, carved with a small, but not disproportioned figure of a warrior.

Adjoining the west end of this church, stands a handsome and extremely solid square steeple, beneath which is a crypt, or vaulted chapel. Three angles of this edifice are flanked by comparatively modern round,

embattled, slender towers, incorporated with the building; while at the fourth angle is an isolated round tower, of the "veritable antique," rising to a considerable height above any other part of the building, and measuring in the inner diameter at bottom two yards and a half. It is in excellent preservation, and affords, by the later erection of the adjoining belfry, a very convincing evidence, that it at least was not recognized by our ancestors, learned in acoustics, as a fit "instrument of sound" for such a purpose, as the theory of some would refer these edifices to. On the occasion of building the steeple, an entrance was constructed from it into the Round Tower, by steps raised to the level of its ancient door.

In the churchyard are monuments to the Murray family, since 1734; to the Dungans, since 1785; the Seavers of Rush, from the commencement of the eighteenth century; the Rochforts of Walshestown, &c. Near the church is a glebe-house, with a glebe of two acres adjacent, and about twenty acres within half a mile's distance.

In another part of the town is a large and lofty Roman Catholic church. It has a mural slab to the Rev. Patrick Kelly, Vicar-General of the diocese, and pastor of this parish, who died in 1834. This edifice also is surrounded by a grave-yard, but it exhibits no tombs of note, with the exception of one to a Mr. William Clarke, who died in 1833, at the advanced age of 105. Near this are the National schools for boys and girls, to which the Board allows £18 per annum. The number of their pupils was 128 in 1834.

Lusk gives its name to the parish, or rather to two parishes—that of East Lusk and West Lusk, containing in the two baronies of Balrothery and Newcastle, fifty-four townlands, extending over 16,642A. 0R. 31P., and having a total population of 5866 persons. These parishes constitute one vicarage of the annual value of £120, in the deanery of Garristown, to which the treasurer and precentor of St. Patrick's, who are the impropiators of the rectory, present alternately. In the Catholic dispensation, this parish is in the Union of Swords. It is chiefly laid out in tillage, and the number of its labourers is said to be about 140, of whom fifty have constant, and the rest occasional employment. The wages of labour is about 1s. per day; rent from £1 10s. to £2 5s. per acre. The chief proprietors are Lord Howth, Sir William Palmer, the Archbishop of Dublin, the Earl of Kingston, Colonel Loftus, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Byrne, and Mr. White has lately purchased, from the Commissioners of Woods and Forests, the commons appertaining to the village, which comprised about 300 Irish acres, in five parcels.

In 497 died St. Macculind, Bishop of Lusk, to whom the church was dedicated. He is dignified in the ancient notices with the term bishop, and his successors are so indifferently termed bishops or abbots. According to tradition his remains were deposited in a vault, which being termed in Irish "Lusca," is supposed to have given name to the locality. Within this church was also a chapel dedicated to St. Maurus.

In 695 died here Casson, a learned chronographer, and in the same year, St. Adamnanus held a synod in the abbey of Lusk, at which were present all the principal prelates of the kingdom. In 825 the abbey was pillaged and destroyed; and in 854, the abbey

and whole town were consumed by fire. In 887 Seachnasagh was abbot of this house.

In 902 died Colman, a learned scribe and Bishop of Lusk and Duleek. In 1069 the town suffered considerably by fire; in 1089 it was burned by the people of Munster, when 180 persons perished in the church; and in 1133 it sustained a very similar visitation. In 1135 the town, the abbey, and the whole country of Fingal, were burned by Donel Mac Murrough O'Melaghlin, in revenge for the murder of his brother, Connor Prince of Meath. The sacrilege was not, however, committed with impunity, and O'Melaghlin was slain by the people of this town.

So early as the year 1178 the Pope confirmed Lusk, with its church and appurtenances, to the see of Dublin, as did Prince John subsequently, and Pope Innocent the Third in 1216.

In 1188 the tithes of this parish, or at least a considerable portion of them, having previously belonged to St. Mary's Abbey, were assigned by the prior and monks of that establishment, to John Comyn, Archbishop of Dublin.

In 1190 the Nunnery of Lusk, originally founded for ladies of the order of Arroasia, and afterwards appropriated to the priory of All-Saints, Dublin, was translated to Grace Dieu, by the last-mentioned archbishop, who filled it with regular canonesses following the rules of St. Augustin, and granted an endowment to it. In 1196 Pope Celestine the Third confirmed to the abbess of this nunnery the church of St. Mary of Lusk, with the tithes, being the gift of Archbishop Comyn, the churches of St. Mary of Dublin, St. Mary of Duleek, St. Mary of Termonfeekin, St. Mary of Scrine, the Church of St. Odra, those of St. Mary of Kells, St. Mary of Fore, St. Mary of Durrrough, St. Mary of Clonmacnoise, St. Mary of Evachdun, with all their several and respective possessions.

In 1205 Eustace de Roche obtained a grant of certain parcels of land within the honor of Lusk; and in 1219 the church, which had previously been a prebend in the gift of Philip de Bray, was assigned as part of the provision for the precentor of St. Patrick's. The Archdeacon of Dublin, however, had at this time a certain right herein, which he exchanged for the chapel of Tawney. For a notice in 1227 see "*Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin.*"



In 1284 an inquiry was held to determine the right of patronage to Lusk, which was then litigated. The jury decided that during the vacancy of the see of Dublin the dean and chapter did present, but at other times the archbishop. The vicarage was then valued at thirty-four marks. In the same year Walter Scannel, prebendary of Lusk, was made bishop of Sarum. For a notice of John, vicar of Lusk in 1299, see the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

In 1306 Lusk having been divided into two prebends, and two vicarages, the former were valued at £33 6s. 8d. each; the latter at £26 13s. 8d. respectively. In 1317 the archbishop of Dublin being seised, in right of his see, (*inter alia*) of the manor, a carucate, and 111 acres of land in Lusk, 125 acres of land in Clonmethan, &c., obtained a grant of the same for ever, from the crown, reserving services to the king and his successors, on vacancies of the see occurring. In 1318 an inquisition was held concerning the right of presentation to the vicarages. The jury was composed of fifteen clergymen, and seventeen laymen, and they decided that the rector was the true patron; and the same jurors reported their value at that time to be £10 yearly.

In 1375 a similar commission to that alluded to at "Malahide," was given to the overseers of the *harbour* of Lusk. This record is the more extraordinary as the sea does not now come within a considerable distance of this village; it probably, however, referred to Rogerstown within the parish.

In 1381 John de Bryen, being prebendary of one portion of Lusk, forfeited the issues and profits of his prebend by long absence from the parish. In 1406 Thomas Cranlegh, prebendary of one portion of Lusk, had license to absent himself from Ireland for two years, for the purpose of studying at Oxford, with liberty to receive by his deputies the fruits and profits of his benefice. In 1453 the king granted to John Wright the prebend or canonry of one portion of Lusk, appertaining to the deanery of the church of St. Patrick, while immediately after Richard Eustace was by provision of the Pope, prebendary of the portion "*ex parte precentoris*." He was sued on the statute of provisors for soliciting this foreign and prohibited patronage, but received a pardon which was confirmed by act of parliament.

In 1467 a moiety of Lusk was restored to the precentor of St. Patrick's, and the other moiety confirmed by the king to the treasurer of that Cathedral, up to which period the succession of the prebendaries, as far as ascertainable, was as follows :

1284	Walter Scannel.	1381	John de Bryen.
—	Roger Fitz-Roger.	1406	Thomas Cranlegh.
1294	{ James of Spain.	1453	{ John Wright.
	{ R. de Apingdon.		{ Richard Eustace.

In 1502 Thomas Rochfort Precentor of St. Patrick's, made a donation to the church of Lusk of a large table of alabaster, the high altar and three images, one of our Saviour placed in the centre, with St. Macculind, the patron saint of Lusk, on his right hand, and St. Patrick on his left. In 1513 Edmond, fourth brother of Sir Bartholomew Dillon, who was in this year made Chief Baron of the Irish Exchequer, was Prior of Lusk.

In 1515 Sir Thomas Butler, Earl of Ormond, was found seised of the manors of Turvey, Rush, and Balscadden, and a part of Lusk.

In 1530 the only chapels appendant to Lusk are stated to be Rush, situated in the land of the Earl of Ormond, Kilnure, and Knightstown, now known by the corrupted name of Whitestown. The churches of Balrothery, Baldungan, and Lambecher at Bre-more, were in earlier times subservient to it, and continued even at this time to pay pensions to it as the mother church.

In 1539 the vicarage of Lusk, "ex parte precentoris," was valued to the First Fruits at £14 5s. 10d. while the treasurer's portion was rated at £14 12s. 6d. In the same year the king granted to Gerald Aylmer, then Chief Justice of Ireland, (*inter alia*,) certain lands in this parish, in tail male. The family of de Bathe having, however, subsequently made a claim thereto, the heir of said Aylmer came to an agreement, and surrendering certain parcels to them, obtained from the crown a new patent in fee of the remainder, while de Bathe had a similar grant of the part so assigned to him. For a further notice in this year, see at "Nanger."

In 1541 Alison White, the last Prioress of Grace Dieu, was found seised, among several possessions, of certain messuages,

106*A.* of land in Lusk, and a flaggon of ale out of every brewing for sale in Lusk, annual value £6 5*s.* 8*d.*

In 1547 the rectory was found to be divided, as before-mentioned, into two portions; one moiety belonging to the precentor, the other to the treasurer of St. Patrick's cathedral, both of whom were bound to repair the chancel of the parish, and each had the appointment of a vicar. The inquisition states the demesne lands as comprising 80*A.*, and details the tithes payable out of the respective townlands, with their values. Some parcels were charged with the tithes of corn and hay, others with the long tithes, to the total annual value of £123 13*s.* 10*d.* It is worthy of notice, that according to this record the tithes of corn and hay from Rush and Whitestown were leased at the annual rent of £7 9*s.* 4*d.*, and two dozen of dry ling, thus affording some evidence of the ancient celebrity of the Rush ling.

In 1548 all the lands and possessions, to which the nunnery of Grace Dieu was entitled in this parish, &c. were granted for ever to Patrick Barnewall, Esq., and subsequently confirmed to him. In the same year the priory of All-Hallows was found to have been seised of the nunnery or cell of Lusk. For a notice in 1561, see "Clonmethan" at that year.

In 1575 Sir Christopher Barnewall was buried here, to whose memory the marble monument, before alluded to, was erected in the south aisle.

In 1609 the king's letter passed for a grant to James Netterville of a messuage and certain lands in the town of Lusk, together with the tithes of "the Riglas," of the yearly value of £8 7*s.* 6*d.* For a notice in 1629, see at "Kilmainham."

About the year 1630 the two vicarages of Lusk were, by consent of the Archbishop, consolidated, on account of the poverty of their revenues, and have so continued ever since; the precentor and treasurer of St. Patrick's presenting thereto alternately.

In 1641 Luke Netterville and others caused proclamation to be made in the market place at Lusk, for the general and important meeting which was afterwards held at Swords. Of the forfeitures consequent upon "the affair" of this year, the principal in this parish were those of George Blackney, 372*A.*, Robert Walsh, 367*A.* John Geydon, 300*A.*, Robert Arthur, 259*A.*, An-

thony de la Hoyde, 145A., William Travers, 120A., and Philip Hoare, 40A.

In 1667 the denomination called the Regulars of Lusk, 140A., was granted, with all the tithes thereunto belonging, to James Duke of Ormond, and in the same year the Archbishop of Dublin and his successors had a grant, as part of the augmentation of that see, of 53A. in Lusk, 232A. in Walshestown, &c. In 1674 the treasurer's moiety of the tithes of this parish was leased for £91 per annum. For a notice in 1682, see at "Feltrim."

In 1689 Doctor Patrick Russell, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, having died during the residence of King James in Dublin, was interred here. In the same year the chapter of St. Patrick's nominated a vicar to the cure of Lusk, vacant by the death of John Archdall.

In 1697 the Reverend Joseph Walsh was returned as parish priest of Lusk and Holmpatrick, having Mr. William Shanley as his curate.

In 1708 Edward Swan of Kilrisk had a grant of that part of Lusk called Fagan's Freehold, 20A., the estate of Richard Fagan, attainted.

About the year 1742 Doctor Stearne, Bishop of Clogher, bequeathed his paternal estate of Ballogh, together with his freehold in Lusk, (subject to the chief rent of £6 per annum to the Archbishop of Dublin, and to the annual sum of £20 for ever to Mercer's Alms-house,) to the use of Dr. Steevens's Hospital, and in 1787 John Archdall devised £200 for the use of the poor of this place.

The periodicals of 1789 record the shock of an earthquake as having been then felt in this town and its vicinity.

In 1822 the extensive commons appertaining to this town, were enclosed by authority of a private act of parliament, 2 Geo. 4, c. xxi.

The advice of the poet is not inapplicable here, and, if you would view Lusk aright,

"Go visit it by the pale moonlight."

The writer has enjoyed it in that holy hour, wandered

through the tombs of its graveyard, stood beneath the awful shadows of its towers, entered the consecrated walls, and walked amidst the dead of ages.— For a short time a dim-glaring flambeau aided to announce its once illustrious occupants, but these once made known, all light was willingly extinguished, but that over which the power of man has no control. The echo of the dropping torch, as it fell upon the ground, and the scattered expiring sparks of its light seemed the voice and the spirit of departing mortality. They died away and the full, clear moon streamed over the walls and monuments, mingled with the shadows of the casements and the buttresses, and the wavering ivy that softened off the radiance but enhanced its witchery. A pilgrimage to the summit of the belfry, and a softened view of the surrounding scenery reposing in that chaste light, and above all the bay beaming like one vast sheet of mother of pearl beneath the more perpendicular rays, completed the enchantment of the spell.

At right of the road from Lusk to Rush lies

#### ROGERSTOWN,

an estate of Lord Howth, having an ancient seaport, the channel of which affords good shelter and is of easy access. To go over the bar, according to the nautical instructions, bring the steeple of Lusk into a valley of the two northernmost hills, bearing N.W. half N. which is the course to steer. There is ten feet water on the bar when Lampsoon head is just

covered. It flows in spring tides about fifteen feet, and there is about five feet difference in high water springs and neap tides.

Here is a pretty residence of Mr. Seaver, situated amidst ornamental plantations and well-enclosed parks, and having a choice and well-walled garden attached. The creek that runs up to Lissen-Hall, when the tide is in, gives a beautiful fore-view, while the eminences of Coolock barony on the opposite shore, and the clear chart of the whole district of Fingal at the nearer side, complete the panorama.

In 1178 Archbishop O'Toole granted to Christ Church 31A. in Rogerstown.

In 1856 John, Archbishop of Dublin, recovered, in a suit against John Hollywood of Rogerstown, the harbour of Rogerstown otherwise called Rogershaven, being parcel of the Archbishop's manor of Swords, whereupon said Hollywood executed a solemn release of his claim thereto for ever.\* For a notice in 1897, see "Swords."

In 1606 Nicholas Lord Howth died, seised of ten messuages and 120A. in Rogerstown, three messuages, and 15A. in Parnelstown, &c., which, as the record states, he held of the Archbishop of Dublin, as of his manor of Swords, by fealty.

A well shaded road leads from Rogerstown through New Haggard to the Dublin road, which it joins near Turvey. The sandy shores between this and the before-mentioned creek, abound with the *hordeum maritimum*, sea barley; and the *raphanus raphanistrum*, wild radish.

Returning to the Rush road the tourist reaches the secluded hamlet of

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

## WHITESTOWN,

as corruptly called from its more ancient name of Knightstown, also the ancient estate of Lord Howth. It was formerly a chapelry subservient to Lusk ; and the site of the old church is still traced in the centre of a burial ground, thickly set with obscure tombstones and bristly with nettles. A tasteless arch rises amidst those, erected in honour of some individual whom, even in tradition, it has now ceased to commemorate. Near it, on the day of visit, was a freshly sodded grave, rustically adorned with the emblems of innocence and chastity—garlands of white paper fantastically cut out and wreathed over laths and osiers, a simple tribute of surviving affection. In the adjoining valley are the remains of a mill, long since deserted even by the babbling, unimpeded stream, that once turned its vigorous wheels.

A short distance beyond Whitestown is

## RUSH,

enumerated by Hollinshed as one of the chief haven towns of Ireland, and once celebrated for the curing of ling, and the extensive pursuit of other fisheries. The harbour having, however, become more difficult of access, the bounty having been withdrawn, and the inhabitants being less adventurous than their neighbours of Skerries, the fisheries here have wholly

declined, a fact which was strikingly evidenced by the boats that lay rotting on the shore.

The village consists of one long avenue of cabins nearly parallel with the beach, and literally built upon the sands. It has a neat cruciform chapel erected in 1760, and dedicated to St. Maurus the disciple of St. Benedict. On Sundays there is much edification in witnessing the groups of children and sailors, who devoutly attend here to catechism and moral exhortations. In the town is also a school, to which the National Board allows £10 per annum, and Sir William Palmer £20. It was attended by 233 pupils in 1834. There are also a dispensary and a flour mill here.

Near the village is Rush House, a handsome antique structure, containing some valuable paintings by the first masters. The demesne, more properly called Kinure Park, from the old chapel of Kinure which it surrounds, is prettily undulated and wooded, but not with any trees of age or size. A spring, called St. Catherine's well, is seen issuing from a rock on the avenue from the house to the old church, whose ruins are situated in a solemn sequestered situation, and are thickly over-arched with festoons of ivy. It was dedicated to St. Damnan, and measures about sixteen yards in length by five and a half in breadth. Within it are some old tombs, one to a member of the Walsh family, another raised monument to "The affable, obliging, exemplary, wise, devout, most charitable, most virtuous, and religious, the Right Hon.



George Lord Hamilton, Baron of Strabane," who had resided at Kinure and died in 1668. It was erected by his widow Elizabeth, who was the daughter of Christopher Fagan, of Feltrim. There is also a black mural slab in a corner of this deserted temple of the Deity, at whose foot several of the parish priests have been interred. It especially commemorates the Rev. Barnaby Farran, who died in 1756; the Rev. Thomas Murphy who died in 1785; and the Rev. William Murray who died in 1795. In the outer grave-yard is the tomb of the celebrated smuggler Jack Connor, well known as Jack the Bachelor, who died in 1772. At the very foot of this churchyard, in a sombre and ill chosen site, is a wood house, which, if designed for the ordinary purposes of rural meals and merriment, must have demanded guests of no ordinary class, and feelings of Egyptian temperament to recreate in such a presence. Near the ruined church are the yet more mutilated remains of the arched baronial kitchen of a castle.

In the Protestant arrangement Rush is a portion of the parish of Lusk; in the Catholic it now constitutes a separate parish. Its population was in 1821 returned as only 1004 persons, increased on the census of 1831 to 2144. The Poor Inquiry Report of 1836 states 250 labourers in this parish, (treating it as a distinct one,) of whom but 100 have constant employment, the remainder occasional. The lands about this village are the fee of Sir William Palmer, and are let, the sandy parts, at about £1 per acre; the clayey at £2 10s. The former can only produce the rent

by the facility of sea weed from Lambay, Ireland's Eye, &c. A cabin without land is let for £2 annually. There is a portion of Rush, however, called Drummanagh, deemed particularly rich by Rutty, the richest in the whole county, and which accordingly is let at four guineas per acre. On this subdenomination, formerly the property of the Barnewall family,\* are some curious earthworks.

The sea here affords a plentiful supply of the *raie asperæ*, thornbacks, commonly called maiden ray, which are dried and saved by the inhabitants, and an oil extracted from them. A large rock oyster is also found here, but so full of salt that it is more particularly used in sauces. The fishery here has, as before suggested, greatly declined. In 1820 there were twenty-three boats of from twenty-five to fifty-five tons burthen, and each employed on board eight men ; at present only eight of these boats are engaged in the fisheries, and each of them employs eight men. The harbour is dry, and wherries cannot get round the pier-head until half flood ; they are liable to be wrecked should the wind blow hard from the eastward, in which case they are obliged to haul up close to the ground, and frequently get scraped in consequence. The wear and tear of ropes is thus very great, and, unless some assistance towards erecting a new harbour is obtained, the fishing vessels will be destroyed in a few years, already more than half have been lost since the abolition of the bounties.

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

Rush was an ancient manor extending over the lands of Balcony, Heathtown, Whitestown, Balcadden, Kinure, Ardlaw, &c. The fee was vested in the house of Ormond from the time of Edward the First until the year 1641.

For notices of this manor in 1385, 1461, and 1515, see "Turvey," and for other notices of its chapel and tithes in 1530 and 1547 see "Lusk." At the time of Archbishop Allen, its chapel was stated to be subservient to Lusk, and surrounded by the lands of the Earl of Ormond.

In the Act of Absentees of 1537, there is a special clause that nothing therein contained shall be prejudicial or hurtful to Sir John Barnewall, Knight, Lord of Trimlestown, and Patrick Barnewall of Fieldstown, their executors, &c. in, of, or for the office of steward, seneschal, surveyor, and receiver of the manors and lordships of Rush, Balcadden, and the moiety of the manor of Portrane, or of sundry other manors therein enumerated. In 1616 Nicholas Lord Howth, died seised of two messuages and 85 acres here, which he held of the Earl of Ormond as of his manor of Rush.

Maurice Connell forfeited in 1641, eighty-four acres of Irish-town, situated within the manor of Rush. Soon after which (in 1666) the Duke of Ormond had a grant, or rather a confirmation patent of Kinure 594 acres, and, on his attainder, the family of Echlin obtained a title in this manor, which descended to the Sir Robert Echlin mentioned at "Lusk" as having died in 1767. The fee has latterly vested in the family of Palmer.

"In this small seaport was born Luke Ryan, much celebrated in the American war as commander of the Black Prince Privateer, under commission of the French government. This bold adventurer, whose actions at the time attracted much conversation, was tried as a pirate at the Old Bailey, and four different times ordered for execution, but reprieved. On the conclusion of peace he obtained his liberty through the mediation of the Court of Versailles, and expected to enjoy the fruits of his exploits, a fortune of £70,000, which he had lodged in a mercantile house at Roscoff in Brittany; but his wary bankers, taking advantage, as is said, of his legal incapacity to sue, applied that large sum to their own

use. The wild career of this daring seaman terminated in the King's Bench prison, where he died in 1789 being detained for a debt of £200."\*

The botany of Rush exhibits on its sandy fields and shores, *hordeum maritimum*, sea barley; *salsola kali*, prickly saltwort; *arenaria peploides*, sea sandwort; *glaucum luteum*, yellow-horned poppy; *gentiana campestris*, field gentian; *agrostema githago*, corn cockle; *cerastium semidecandrum*, little mouse-ear chickweed; *cerastium arvense*, field mouse-ear chickweed; *spargula arvensis*, corn spurrey; *reseda lutea*, base rocket; *papaver hybridum*, round rough-headed poppy; *nepeta cataria*, cat mint; *lemnurus cardiaca*, motherwort; *cakile maritima*, sea rocket; *sinapis alba*, white mustard; *erodium cicutarium*, hemlock stork's bill; *anthyllis vulneraria*, kidney vetch; *sonchus arvensis*, corn sow thistle; *carduus marianus*, milk thistle; *carex arenaria*, sea sedge; *trifolium arvense*, hare's-foot trefoil; *fucus ciliatus*, ciliated fucus; *fucus aculeatus*, prickly fucus; *fucus plicatus*, matted fucus; *fucus corneus*, horny fucus.—On the rocks, *conferva setacea*, bristly conferva; *statice armeria*, sea pink, &c.—In the marshes, *apium graveolens*, wild celery.—In the hedges, *trifolium officinale*, melilot.—In the corn fields, *centaurea cyanus*, blue bottle: and, on the ditches, *lichen sylvaticus*, wood lichen.

From Rush, a pleasant sail of about three miles will bring the visiter to

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\* Brewer's Beauties of Ireland, vol. i. p. 257.

## LAMBAY,

an island of nearly an oval form, about two miles long and a mile and a quarter broad, comprising 1371 acres, and accounted as part of the parish of East Lusk. Its substratum consists of conglomerated rocks of different kinds, chiefly of argillaceous schist, including fragments of other rocks. There is also a stratum of sandstone conglomerate at its northern extremity. In some places the schist is greatly contorted, while limestone and porphyry are extremely abundant, alternating with and passing into greywacke. The surface is very susceptible of cultivation, and Archer asserts that there are strong indications of coal here.

There is a very curious old polygon edifice on the island, apparently constructed for defending the place, as its battlements and spikeholes command the island in every direction. It has been built entirely upon arches without timber. Near it is a village inhabited by some husbandmen, who partly plough the island, and on the rest feed cattle and sheep. The harbour, which was erected by public grants, is in good repair, but dry, and does not afford shelter to a boat when the wind blows hard from any point. The depth of water at the pier head is sixteen feet. There is also here a curious spring of fine water dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. On the north coast ships may anchor in twelve and thirteen fathoms for a southerly wind. For a sea-wind the ships must ride on the west side over-against the castle, but that

road is not very good, "because always in that sound, being about three miles broad, there goeth a great sea."\* The best roadstead in easterly winds is to the westward of the island, between the Burren rock on the south and the reefs called the Tailors on the north. The ground is low and level; boats and smacks may sail hence when they would be wind-bound in every creek on the main. They would be at all times from five to nine miles nearer the fishery ground, and might run hither for shelter when, except Howth, no other place is accessible on the coast. A pier might be constructed here for about £1000, which would be of the greatest utility in sheltering wherries and coasters.

On the island rabbits and sea fowl abound; of the latter the Cornish chough, *corvus graculus*, with red bill and shanks, is frequently seen here; also the rock pigeon, *columba rupicola*; and, according to Ruddy, the *anas artica* often rests upon it, appearing in April and May and departing in July and August. All about the rocky shore is a great plenty of crabs, oysters, and lobsters. The latter fishery would form a lucrative branch of industry in this country, but it is not efficiently worked. Lobsters exist in great plenty on various points of the coast, yet the English markets derive their principal supplies from Norway, while in the Irish markets lobsters are scarce, dear, and often not to be had. Between Lambay and Rock-a-Bill there is a natural bed of the large rock oyster, which is dredged occasionally, but the pro-

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\* Boate's Nat. Hist. of Ireland, p. 20.

duce is trifling. A species of the barilla plant is said to grow upon the island, and it is almost entirely encompassed by a plentiful kelp coast.

So early as the days of Pliny and Ptolemy, Lambay was known by the name of Limnus, or Limni.

In 1184 Prince John bestowed it on the see of Dublin, an endowment which Pope Clement the Third confirmed in 1188. The title of the Archbishops of Dublin was not, however, complete until 1204, when the religious house of Christ's Church, for valuable consideration, relinquished some claims which it had thereto. See at "PORTRANE."

In 1337 occurs a patent of confirmation for a chantry within the island, but no traces of such a building or other evidence of its endowment are to be found. In the same year King Edward confirmed the right of the see of Dublin to this island, as did King Richard when in Dublin in 1394; subsequent to which it was appropriated to the nunnery of Grace Dieu.

In 1467 Lambay being "without defence of a Castle, and a receptacle for the king's enemies as Britons, Spaniards, French, and Scots, to the annoyance of the main land," it was provided by statute that the Earl of Worcester, then Lord Deputy, should have the said island to him and his heirs, to build a fortress on, paying to the Archbishop of Dublin and his successors forty shillings per annum; while, in furtherance of the same object, the king in 1496, by writ, reciting that he had learned by a petition of the Convent and Prior of St. Patrick's of Holmpatrick, that the island of Lambay had on its shores various havens and creeks, in which pirates were accustomed to shelter, and that the said prior and convent were seised in right of their house of a little island called Mellock near Skerry, from which, when the tide was out, a dry way was open to Lambay, and that, if a fortified harbour and wall were constructed upon this, it would be of great benefit, granted license to them to construct same accordingly; and further gave to them in frankalmoine all customs, duties, cokets, and poundages on things imported there, to the annual amount of twenty

marks sterling for ever.\* This notice is the more remarkable, as the space between Holmpatrick and Lambay is now wholly impassable at the lowest ebb of the tide.

For a notice of Lambay in 1541 see at "Grace Dieu." In 1543 the Lord Deputy, in his report to the king relative to the havens of Ireland, states Lambay to be "a good road for all manners of winds." And again he adds, "there be also in divers coasts of this realm Britons and Frenchmen that do some hurt upon the sea, and for that your Majesty's ships lie at Lambay, and be as they say restrained by your Highness's instructions not to exceed certain bounds, they cannot advance to do none enterprise upon the other frontiers of this your realm, and for as much, gracious Lord, as your Admiral here made me, in some part privy to the same his instructions, whereby it appeareth your prudent foresight to stay as well the resource out of France into Scotland, and also out of Scotland to France; and for that appointed your navy to lie at Lambay, for it is thought that the Frenchmen and Scots both have knowledge of your said navy and where they lie, and so may they pass between the same Lambay and the Hollyhead, which is three-score or four-score miles, without danger of the same your navy."†

In 1551 Archbishop Browne had license to alien and let to fee farm, with the consent of the chapter of Christ Church, to John Challoner and his heirs, the entire island of Lambay, with the courts leet and all other hereditaments thereunto belonging; besides the whole coast of the said island at a rent of £6 13s. 4d., provided that he or his heirs should within six years build on said island a town or village for the habitation of fishermen, with a place of refuge circumvallated with a mound, to which they might resort in case of any sudden irruption, and also should make within the said term a harbour for the fishermen's boats, on whatever part of the shore of said island he should think fit; as it appeared that the said Challoner had brought over to the island a colony of the king's subjects to inhabit and render it safe from pirates and smugglers. Accordingly the embattled edifice, before alluded to, is with much probability attributed to him.

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

† State Papers, temp. Hen. VIII.



In the reign of Queen Elizabeth a grant of this island was made to Sir William Usher in fee, subject to an annual payment of £6 to the see of Dublin.

In 1604 King James granted to Donogh Earl of Thomond the rectory and tithes of Lambay, as theretofore demised to Sir Robert Napper, and then lately granted in fee farm to Sir James Fullerton.\* See at "Ballyowen" in 1602.

In 1650 the celebrated Primate Usher, a descendant of the above Sir William, when the plague raged in Dublin, retired into this island with his family, and here is said to have composed some of his works.

In 1691, after the surrender of the fort of Ballymore in the County of Westmeath to de Ginkle, 780 soldiers and 260 "rapparees," who were found therein, were sent prisoners to Dublin and thence to Lambay,† where they were confined until the treaty of Limerick; all persons being prohibited from passing over to the island under heavy penalties. The Lords Justices, however, did not at once avow to the prisoners the cause of their enlargement, as conditioned by that treaty, fearing they might enter into foreign service. "For this end, on the day the articles of Limerick were signed, they wrote to Mr. Francis Cuffe, then in Dublin, immediately to go to Lambay, with such persons as he should judge necessary, and to discourse with the prisoners, without letting them know that they were by treaty to be discharged, and to acquaint them that if they would take the oath of allegiance, and promise to go to their respective habitations, they should be set at liberty, and permitted to live quietly at home."‡

From the Usher family, Lambay was purchased by that of Talbot; and Lord Talbot de Malahide is now its proprietor, subject however, to the chief rent to the see of Dublin. A yearly pattern used to be held at a holy well in the island, until the present century, on every Trinity Sunday.

About the year 1829 the pier was completed here, from which time it became a small fishing station.

\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

† Story's Impartial History, p. 91.

‡ Harris's Life of William the Third, p. 351.

The botany of Lambay is exceedingly interesting; it abounds with the *veronica officinalis*, common speedwell, with flesh-coloured flowers; *aira præcox*, early hair grass; *crithmum maritimum*, samphire; *sambucus ebulus*, dwarf elder; *arenaria marina*, spurry sandwort.—In the marshy places, *montia fontana*, water blinks; *drosera rotundifolia*, round-leaved sundew; *trifolium maritimum*, teasel-headed trefoil; *senecio aquaticus*, marsh ragwort; *orchis latifolia*, marsh palmate orchis.—On the rocks, *statice armeria*, sea pink; *geranium sanguineum*, bloody crane's bill; *inula crithmoides*, samphire-leaved flea-bane.—On the sea shore, *limbarda crithmoides*, golden samphire, flowering in August and September.—On the dry heaths, a variety of the *erica cinerea*, with white flowers.—In the sandy fields, *trifolium arvense*, hair's-foot trefoil; *trifolium scabrum*, rough-rigid trefoil: while the west side of the island presents *ænanthe peucedanifolia*, sulphur-wort; and *ænanthe pimpinelloides*, parsley water dropwort, flowering in July.

Returning to the main land, a sandy shore, interspersed with low ledges of rock, leads to

#### LOUGH SHINNY,

an inlet of about a quarter of a mile square, affording, perhaps, the very best natural situation for a harbour along the whole coast of Leinster, and an excellent roadstead in all but east winds. Near it, on the sea coast, is a petrifying spring that deposits large incrustations of various figures on the rocks along which it

dribbles. These incrustations evince their calcareous nature by fermenting strongly with spirit of vitriol, and in other appearances correspond exactly with spar or limestone.\* Fine crystals are also found in an adjacent cliff. There are likewise on the coast of this line large rocks of the Irish slate, *lapis Hibernicus*. Grey radiated manganese ore is met with, and a copper mine, formerly worked here, has been recently inspected, with the object of ascertaining the propriety of applying more extensive capital and improved machinery to its productions. Sea lungwort, *pulmonaria maritima*, with other plants and weeds of the sea, abound along this shore.

In 1542 George, son of Richard de la Hoyde, of Lough Shinny, had livery of seisin of his father's possessions in Phepoestown, Irishtown, Gallanstown, Dunabate, Lough Shinny, Crumlin, Lamletter, Ballybetagh, &c. In 1637 Anthony de la Hoyde was seised of 117A. in Dunabate, 100A. in Tankardstown in the parish of Balrothery, 145A. in Lough Shinny and Thomastown in the parish of Lusk, all which he subsequently mortgaged, but forfeited his equity of redemption in the confiscations of 1641.

In 1666 the Duke of Ormond had a grant of (*inter alia*) Ballyconny, 469A., Heathstown, 134A., Ballykea, 545A., Kinure, 594A., and Thomastown, part of Lough Shinny, 212A., statute measure; and in 1672 Charles Viscount Fitz Harding died seised of Grallagh, 485A., Lough Shinny, 58A. 0R. 14P., Puckstown, 142A., &c., all which he held of the king in free and common soccage.

In 1771 Mr. Dempsey, then proprietor of Lough Shinny, petitioned parliament for aid to extend a pier, he had begun here at his own expense, and, although a favourable report was made thereon, the work was not prosecuted, and it is now a total ruin.

To complete the shelter here, it would be neces-

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\* Rutt's Mineral Waters, p. 483.

sary to form a breakwater on the ledge of rock where the old pier was begun, so as to raise the same above high water, to within twenty perches of the point near the Martello tower; the place affords plenty of materials for such a work. Jetties might then be run out in any convenient part of the bay, either from the shore, or the breakwater for landing, or shipping places. This harbour would have fifteen feet into it at low water, and a fine, clear bottom of sand over an area of about forty English acres.

At a short distance beyond Lough Shinny a Martello tower has been erected on a promontory, occasionally insulated, for the purpose of defending the harbour of

#### SKERRIES,

otherwise called Holmpatrick, implying in its Saxon "holm" its character of harbour, and certainly reported by Holinshed as one of the chief havens of Ireland, but at present it assumes no appearance to justify the erection of such a battery. The village, however, is a pleasing object, and its broad street diverging into two others of equal breadth, somewhat in the shape of a Y, its cleanly appearance, its church, chapel, schools and mills, its fleet of wherries animating its bay, its fine strand and downs overhanging the water, and on Sundays and holidays enlivened by groups of the rural beaux and belles of this little "Fair port," the blue sea, and the adjacent islands cannot fail to gratify the visiter. It is the most con-

siderable fishing village on the east coast, and is likely to be much improved by the proposed Drogheda Railway.

The church is a very plain structure, for the repairs of which the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have granted £63 12s. 2d. Within it are three mural monuments, one to Mr. Dixie Coddington of Holmpatrick, who died in 1728, one to Mr. Weston, who died in 1751, and another to Mr. Hamilton of Sheephill, who died in 1800. In the graveyard is an ancient tombstone to the memory of Elizabeth Finglas, wife of Thomas Hussey of Holmpatrick, who died in 1577, another to Richard de la Hoyde of Lough Shinny, in 1587. There are also monuments commemorative of the Coddingtons and the Woods of Milverton, some to the crew and passengers of a ship, that was wrecked some years since on the neighbouring rocks, and a tombstone to Richard Toole, blacksmith, who died in 1719, remarkable for the curious devices of his trade which are carved upon it. There is likewise a very old stone, with a now unintelligible inscription sculptured in alto relievo on the shaft of a cross that extends over its whole length, possibly designed to commemorate some lordly prior of this house. Nor was it ill suited to the reflections of the scene, that a rosy cherub babe, in laughing infancy, was spreading itself over that prostrate monument of the long departed, and a group of older but as thoughtless urchins were clustered round an adjoining headstone, spelling its broad characters, or vaulting over the sodded arch that flowered at its base.

The Roman Catholic chapel is a handsome cruciform structure, erected in 1823. In it is a white marble slab to the memory of the Rev. Mr. Murray, who died in 1834, pastor of this parish.

In the centre of the town are two schools, one for boys, the other for girls ; they are in connexion with the National Board, who gave £178 4s. 8d. for their erection, £26 for fitting them up, and allow £16 per annum for their support. There is also another free school here, attended by about thirty children, and supported by Mr. Hamilton, the proprietor of the fee.

A tambour factory has been established in the town by a Mr. Coghlan, which affords employment to a great many of the surrounding females, of whom those who are grown earn thereby about four shillings weekly, and children two shillings. There are also here two windmills and a water mill, and near the pier some small salt works.

The harbour possesses great natural advantages, but is not sufficiently capacious. It affords a space free from shoals, with land shelter on every side but the east and north-east. A long neck of land extends eastward from the shore and town close by the water of the harbour, and at the extremity of this natural embankment is a lighthouse, while on the north side of the harbour the land projects in nearly an equal extent. The pier runs in a northern direction about six hundred and fifty feet, and the tide rises fourteen feet at full and change, and sluices itself clear. The anchorage outside the harbour has been materially injured by the Wicklow boats throw-

ing out their ballast when they arrive for limestone, with which the place abounds. To make this harbour, sailors must, according to the technical instructions of this coast, keep clear of the cross, give the island a good birth, until they bring the northernmost house in the town in a line with a house that stands on the hill of Skerries. When they bring these marks to bear they are at the northward of the cross, and when they have all the town clear of the quay, they will have four or five fathoms of water in the road, which is very safe unless it should blow hard at east or northeast. The pier and harbour, though injudiciously constructed, afford shelter to a little fleet of wherries and smacks. In 1801 the wherries alone attached to this station were thirty-six. In 1820 fifty-two boats were employed, of from twenty to fifty-seven tons burthen, and each of them had on board six or eight men. At present only thirty-eight of these vessels are employed, each being manned as in 1820. Skerries requires a pier on an extensive scale beyond any other place on this coast. If a vessel of any description cannot reach Kingstown in a southerly gale, (a frequent occurrence,) being obliged to bear up, she has no other place but Skerries to run for except Belfast. Nature has already more than half formed a pier here on a grand scale, by a rocky projection of 750 yards into the sea, with a basement from forty to seventy yards wide, and having a deep, clear, and safe anchorage inside for ships of any draught. An upper work with a parapet and a horn at the extremity would complete the harbour. A harbour light on the cross

rock, at the extremity of a reef running into the sea, would also be of great utility.

At a short distance from the coast are situated the Skerries rocks or islands, three in number, and all remarkable for producing great quantities of seaweed, of which kelp was formerly made. Archer says he found strings of lead ore and sulphur in two of these islands, and observed beautifully coloured slate rocks, particularly in that called St. Patrick's. The nearest is Red Island, the next Colt, and the third St. Patrick's, while at a yet greater distance in the sea is the Rock of Bill. St. Patrick's contains about nine acres, and has upon it some remains of the ancient church. It takes its name from the popular tradition that the Apostle of Ireland, when driven to sea by the Pagan inhabitants of the southern side of the bay, landed there and blessed it. In the surrounding waters the sea crab is found, and the bret, sometimes termed the pheasant of the ocean; the large rock oyster is also abundant, while lobsters of superior quality are taken at Rock of Bill, as well as at Lambay and along the shores, with wicker baskets in form of mousetraps.

The parish, in which Skerries is situated, is more correctly called Holmpatrick. It is in the deanery of Garristown, extends over 2131A. OR. 36P., comprised in nine townlands, and is wholly tithe free. Its population was in 1831 returned as (exclusive of Skerries) 553 persons, while that of Skerries was reported as 2556. The rectory is impropriate in the Hamilton family, who have endowed its curacy with £60 per annum, to which the trustees of the First



Fruits have added the yearly allowance of £40 out of Primate Boulter's fund. This body also granted £450 for building a glebehouse here, and £150 towards the erection of a church. The Roman Catholic union includes with Holmpatrick, Baldungan under the name of Milverton. James Hans Hamilton, Esq., of Sheep Hill, is the proprietor of the principal part of the parish, the acreable rent in which varies from £2 to £2 15s. per annum. Manured ground, however, brings £12 per acre.

A monastery was founded at a very remote period in St. Patrick's island, which the Danes are recorded to have burned in 797.\* In the ninth century, Moel Finian, Prince of the Bregii, whose district extended between Dublin and Drogheda, resigning his government, became a monk in this abbey, of which he was afterwards superior, and died in 898.

About the year 1120, the abbey was re-founded for regular canons of St. Augustine, by Sitric, the son of Murchard, and dedicated, according to its first institution, to St. Patrick.

The order of Regular Canons of St. Augustine is so called from the saint whose rule they adopted, and who was himself born at Thagasta, a city of Numidia, in the year 354. In 388 having obtained ground without the walls of the city of Hippo in Africa, he associated himself with eleven other persons of eminent sanctity, who lived together after the manner of monks, wearing leathern girdles, and exercising themselves in fasting, praying, and meditation, day and night. In the year 1059 Pope Nicholas the Second, finding that considerable laxity had crept into the monastic orders in the observance of their discipline, endeavoured to effect their reform by imposing upon them a new rule of discipline, and Ivo, Bishop of Chartres, introduced into some congregations of canons, severer rules even than those of Nicholas, in which originated the distinction between secular and regular canons, the first observing the rules of Pope Nicholas, and the latter those of Ivo.

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\* Annals of Ulster.

The canons of St. Augustine were of the latter order, and were introduced into England by Aderwald, confessor to Henry the First, who founded a priory of his order at Nostel in Yorkshire. This order was highly favoured by the king, who in 1107 gave them the priory of Dunstable. Queen Matilda also became their patroness, and shortly afterwards erected for them the house of the Holy Trinity in London, the prior of which was always one of the aldermen of the city. So greatly did they from this time flourish in England, that in the time of Edward the First, they had fifty-three priories in that country, being then popularly called Austin friars. Their numbers, however, subsequently decreased there, and, at the time of the suppression, they had only about thirty-two houses; while in Ireland they had 223 monasteries and thirty-three nunneries. The rule, which this religious order observed, although founded, as already remarked, on that of St. Augustine, was prescribed to them by Pope Alexander the Fourth in 1256. It enjoined, that they should have all things in common, that the rich, who might become members of their body, should sell their possessions and give the proceeds to the poor, that the first part of the morning should be employed in labour, and the remainder in study, that when they went abroad they should always go two in company, that they should never eat out of their monastery, with sundry other minor regulations. There are, also, nuns and canonesses who observe the rules and bear the name of this order, from which, it may be added, arose a reformed class denominated bare-footed Augustines, Minorets or friars minor.

In 1124 Malcolm O'Connacan, celebrated for his theological and scientific lore, died in this island of St. Patrick.\* In 1148 a synod was held here by Gelasius, Archbishop of Armagh, and Malachy, Apostolic Legate, in which fifteen bishops, two hundred priests, and several others of the clergy assisted. The subject of their conferences, besides matters of reformation, regarded the distribution of palls in Ireland, and they unanimously agreed to send Malachy to the Pope on that errand, in which journey he died.

In 1216 Pope Innocent the Third confirmed to the see of Dublin, amongst other possessions, the advowson of the monastery

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\* Annals of the Four Masters.

of Holmpatrick. About the year 1220, its situation in the island having been found very inconvenient, the parochial chapel was erected by Henry de Loundres, Archbishop of Dublin, on the mainland.

In 1357 the king appointed inspectors of all the harbours and creeks from Holmpatrick to Dublin, to prevent the forestalling of fish or exportation thereof without license.\*

In 1366 Stephen, Prior of Holmpatrick, was seized of the lands of Killynew in the county of Meath.† On the death of this prior, the temporalities belonging to the house were seized into the king's hands, as on the ground that some of his royal predecessors had founded it, but, it being proved by John Randolph, the newly elected prior, that their founder was Sitrie, the son of Murchard, before the English invasion, that contests had subsisted between the priory of Duleek and their house relative to the said lands, and the subjection of Duleek to Holmpatrick, and that same terminated in the former making over to the latter the said premises for ever, the temporalities so seized were thereupon restored.‡ It may be remarked, that, on the election of a prior of this house, it was indispensably necessary to obtain in the first instance the archbishop's *congé d'elire*, without which the election was null and void. Next, after a public citation of all the members, they proceeded to elect, and the chosen member having signified his consent, the body deputed certain delegates to notify to the archbishop the object of their choice, who, thereupon, appointed a day to hear objections before he confirmed it.

In 1372 it was found on inquisition, that it would operate no damage to the king or injury to others, that a grant should be made to the corporation of Dublin of the customs and duties of all kinds of merchandise brought for sale, as well coming as going by land or sea between Skerries and Arklow, as of all other merchandise within the said city, and said customs were accordingly in 1375 granted to them. In the latter year, the king commanded the Prior of Holmpatrick to arrest and imprison all men-at-arms or archers of the suite of William de Windsor, Chief Governor of Ireland, seeking to embark thence.

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\* Rot. Claus. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

‡ Ib.

In 1393 sundry persons assaulted the Prior of Holmpatrick, expelled him from his house, imprisoned him at Ballough, made a castle of the priory here, and by force of arms kept possession thereof for a considerable time.\*

In 1476 a license was granted to the prior, James Cogan, and his successors, to acquire lands for the use of the priory to the value of £40 per annum, notwithstanding the statute of mortmain.

The ploughland of Ballygossan, *alias* Cabra-hill, having been obtained for this priory, by grant it would appear from Edward the First, on the interference of the Archbishop of Dublin, he reserved to himself and his successors an annuity of two marks, which afterwards occasioned great litigation between the archbishops and the priory, until in 1484 Archbishop Walton, with the consent of his two chapters, very properly released all right thereto, reserving in lieu three pounds of wax annually, while he directed the annuity to be distributed between the prior and canons of this house, further ordering that the said convent should keep yearly an anniversary for the archbishop and his successors on the morrow of All Souls,† an arrangement which was confirmed in 1429 by William Rokeby, Archbishop of Dublin, and his two chapters.

In 1488 the aforesaid prior, James Cogan, took the oath of allegiance before Sir Richard Edgecombe, who was sent to Ireland to administer same to the principal nobility as before mentioned. For a notice of Holmpatrick in 1496, see "Lambay."

In 1516 the corporation of Dublin obtained a grant of the customs of all boats plying between the Nanny water and Arklow head.

In 1532, at the hosting commanded by the king to assemble on the hill of Owenstown in this county, the Prior of Holmpatrick was summoned to attend in right of the manor of Hacketstown.

Holmpatrick was one of the Irish religious houses suppressed in 1537 previous to the general dissolution, and in the same year died Peter Manne its last prior, while an inquisition taken in 1548 ascertained its several rights and possessions.

In 1545 the king's commissioners were empowered to demise (*inter alia*), the king's farm of Holmpatrick to John Parker.—A

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\* Rot. Claus. in Canc. Hib.

† Ware's Bishops, p. 342.

very interesting notice of the expedition, which sailed hence against the Scots in the same year, is mentioned at Howth, and a letter written by one of its leaders, the Earl of Ormonde, from this port, to Lord Russell, is given in the State Papers temp. Henry the Eighth. In it Ormonde intimates, that he was sent on the expedition by the intrigue of St. Leger with a view to his destruction, and, after praying a full investigation of any matter that may be laid to his charge, he concludes, "I am no timorous subject, nor shall not try my truth in any timorous sort, and would God his Excellency had even of God the grace and prerogative to know the privy thoughts of all men in their minds and disposition towards his Highness, and, if I saw all the power of the world upon a hill armed against his Majesty, I would rather run to his Grace though I were slain at his Majesty's heels, than to leave his Highness and save myself, I put the judgment of my heart herein to you and other noblemen that have and can try faithful hearts. At this day my Lord of Lennox and I do sail towards Scotland, God send us well to speed, and to your lordship health and encrease of honour, praying your good lordship to give further credence to this bearer, my servant, and thus Almighty God grant unto you, mine own good lord, your noble heart's desire. From the King's Majesty's haven of Skerries, the 15th of November, 1545."

In the parliament of the second year of Elizabeth, Thomas Fitz Williams of Holmpatrick was one of the knights of the shire representing this county, the celebrated Chief Baron Finglas of Westpalstown, who was his father-in-law, being the other.

In 1575 a great plague having broken out in Dublin, the Lord Deputy Sidney landed at Skerries, and was sworn and kept his court at Drogheda.

In 1578 Sir Thomas Fitz Williams of Baggotrath and Merrion, had a grant of the monastery of Holmpatrick with its possessions therein fully detailed, including eight cottages, 131A. arable, 12A. meadow, 18A. pasture and furze, and the custom of the said cottages in the town of Holmpatrick, being the demesne-lands of said priory, one water-mill with the appurtenances, and one wind-mill upon the hill called Chanon hill, four islands by the haven of Skerries, other premises at Skerries as before enumerated, certain premises in the hamlet of Barnegarragh, one messuage, two cot-

tages, 115 acres, and the custom of the farmers of said messuages, and cottages in the town or hamlet of Cogbragh (Cabragh); one messuage, sixty acres arable, three stangs of meadow, and the customs of the farmers of said messuages and cottages, in the town of New Grange; two messuages, six cottages, 144 acres of land, and the customs of the farmers of said messuages and cottages, in the town of Milwardeston; one messuage, one cottage, sixty-two acres of land and similar customs, in the town or hamlet of Lanie; one castle, one messuage, three cottages, 135 acres, and similar customs, in the town or hamlet of Hacketstown; four tenements with their gardens, and eight acres of land in Swords, certain premises in Piercystown, Dallabrocan, Hamestown, Balruddery, Mallahonie, and Thurleston, besides certain lands and tithes in the county of Meath, also the rectory and church of Holmpatrick, with all tithes and profits thereto belonging, and also the custom and poundage of all wares and merchandise on the quay of Skerries, wrecks of the sea, flotsam, jetsam, waifs, strays, goods left and forsaken, profits and commodities happening on the premises or being parcel thereof, also all customs of the tithe fish, keelage, wreckage, anchorage, and all other emoluments, &c., to said quay or creek appertaining, the customs of the farmers of the messuages and cottages in the town or village of Skerries, and the fields of the same, &c.; immediately after which a castle was erected and a garrison established here.

In 1614 Sir Charles Wilmot had a grant of the site and circuit of this priory, with all the gardens and orchards thereof containing three acres, and of a crown rent reserved thereout. Sir James Fullerton became subsequently seized of the rectory and tithes, as also of the lordship and manor of Holmpatrick, which he sold in 1608 to Donogh Earl of Thomond,\* who thereupon passed patent for the same. The regal visitation of 1615 accordingly reports the rectory of Holmpatrick as improper in that nobleman, that the vicar of Balrothery was curate, and that the church and chancel were in good repair. For a notice of Skerries in 1641, see at "Bremore."

"In 1668," (it should be 1669,) says Harris in his History of

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

William the Third, "Peter Talbot, titular Archbishop of Dublin, landed at Skerries, and, being hospitably entertained by Captain Coddington that night, did upon his departure the next morning take him aside, and with the most affectionate expressions of kindness ask what title he had to that estate, for that he observed he had expended considerably upon the improvement of it: Coddington answered, that it was an old estate belonging to the Earl of Thomond: Talbot told him that title was worth nothing, that it belonged to the church and would be all taken away, and, therefore, advised him to expend no more upon it, but rather to make the most of it and then desert it, which advice was pressed upon him with strong injunctions of secrecy."

In March, 1675, the Earl of Essex wrote to Secretary Coventry: "This packet brought us in the sad news of the loss of his Majesty's yacht in its voyage to Chester, being split upon a little rock called the Skerries. It was very full of passengers and many men of quality; my Lord of Meath is said to be lost, and his son my Lord Brabazon supposed to be so too; my Lord of Ardglass, with several others, saved themselves upon the rock, where they were a day and a night before any vessel arrived to relieve them. We hear that the captain and most of his seamen are drowned."

For a notice of Holmpatrick in 1697, see at "Lusk."

In 1721 the Hamiltons of Hacketstown became seised of this manor and rectory by purchase from the Earl of Thomond, and of the town and port of Skerries, and the four islands, parcels of Holmpatrick, and the customs of fish, and the customs of 3*s.* 4*d.* out of every great ship that comes out of France, Spain, and Scotland, and four pence out of every such ship coming out of England, &c. This sale was decreed by the Court of Chancery on suit instituted, and subsequently confirmed by the House of Lords.

In 1755 the Irish parliament granted £2000 for the construction of the pier, and in 1767, £1500 more for the same purpose. It subsequently fell into decay, but was repaired and somewhat extended by Hans Hamilton, the father of the present proprietor. The round form of the head is objected to as permitting the sea to tumble in along the pier, an error which might be easily, and at a small expense, corrected by a jetty. In 1788 a patent was

granted for two yearly fairs and a weekly market to be held here, subject to a certain crown rent, which, together with the chief rent of the manor, was recently purchased by his descendant.

On the sandy shores and fields here the botanist will find, *arenaria peploides*, sea sandwort; *cerastium semidecandrum*, little mouse-ear chickweed; *glau-cium luteum*, yellow horned poppy; *nepeta cataria*, catmint; *leonurus cardiaca*, motherwort; *cakile maritima*, sea-rocket; *sinapis alba*, white mustard; *raphanus raphanistrum*, wild radish; *anthyllis vulneraria*, kidney-vetch, recommended as an excellent pasturage for sheep; *carex arenaria*, sea-sedge, flowering in July; *lithospermum maritimum*, sea grom-well.—Between the rocks, *conferva setacea*, bristly conferva, which is said to yield a fine lake-coloured fluid on being macerated for a short time in fresh water; and on the coast between Skerries and Balbriggan, *œnanthe peucedanifolia*, sulphur wort, water dropwort, thrown in from the sea; and *fucus dentatus*, indented fucus.

Leaving Skerries for Baldungan, the village of Hacketstown presents itself, where was formerly the parish chapel of Holmpatrick; near it is the secluded demesne, twice the summer residence of the Marquis Wellesley, when Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. King James granted this place with the small castle, three cottages, 135A., and certain yearly customs, “parcel of the estate of the then late monastery of Holmpatrick,” to Thomas Chatham, in fee.

At a short distance, on a swelling hill, appear the ruined castle and church of



## BALDUNGAN,

a conspicuous landmark for miles around it, while the eminence itself commands an extensive prospect both by sea and land.

The castellated remains, as described by Grose, consisted on the west end of two square towers with a parapet in front, covering a connecting passage.—From these towers a regular building was carried on each side, but narrower, to which a similar tower was joined at the north-east angle, but at the south-east was only a small tower with stairs leading to the battlements. On the front were the arms of the Lords of Howth. A few feet south-east from the square, he adds, is a small chapel with a large chancel, and on the west end a square steeple with stone steps leading to the top, where there are two apertures for bells. All the windows, doors, and openings in the tower and church are pointed Gothic. The walls of the church and of that part of the tower, which is near the fabric, had perforations about four or five inches square, probably intended for the play of musquetry, on the occasion hereafter mentioned. The castle is, however, now completely wasted, and the church alone presents some traces of the description. The aisle is about twenty-five yards long, by six and a half broad. There is a cemetery adjacent, in which are several tombstones, but none worthy of note.

The parish is in the deanery of Garristown, and comprises 857A. 3R. 11P., in the one denomination.

The rectory is wholly inappropriate in the Earl of Howth, who is also the chief proprietor of the soil. Rent here varies from £2 to £2 10s. per acre, wages being about tenpence per day. There is neither church, glebe-house, nor glebe in the parish. Its population in 1831 was eighty-eight persons, all Catholics, according to the Report of 1835, while the Poor Inquiry Report of the same year states the number of its labourers as 400, of whom 100 are permanently employed, 240 occasionally, and sixty almost always unemployed. But, as this return is utterly inconsistent with the total population of Baldungan, it must have inadvertently included some other parish, probably Holmpatrick, which in the Catholic dispensation is united with Baldungan.

A considerable portion of Baldungan was, soon after the English invasion, acquired by the Knights Templars, who established there a religious house which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. This chapel the Archbishop of Dublin afterwards granted to the religious house of Kilbixy. See "Balrothery" at the year 1200.

On the suppression of the Templars Reginald de Berneval (Barnewall) became seised of the lands of Baldungan, from whose family they passed, by marriage, to the de Berminghams, while the chapelry was tributary to the church of Lusk, the advowson being in the latter family.

In the beginning of the sixteenth century this was the seat of Richard de Bermingham, Esq., whose sister and heiress, Anne, was married to Sir Christopher St. Lawrence, Lord of Howth, by which marriage the estate, with the advowson of the church, passed into that family. It, however, continued to be held for some time as of the Barnewalls' manor of Balrothery.

For notices of the church in 1530, see at "Lusk," and in 1532, see at "Balrothery."

In 1539 the Rectory of Baldungan was taxed to the First Fruits at £3 13s. 4d., and the vicarage at £11 19s. 11d., Irish.

In 1591 a recovery was suffered to the use of the St. Lawrence family, of "the manor" with the town and lands of Baldungan.

In 1612 Robert Barnewall of Dunbroe, and John Cusack of Cosinstown, were seised in fee of the manor, &c. of Baldungan, with the appurtenances, one castle, six messuages, and 300A., with Balleston, 80A., Leyton, 60A., &c.

The regal visitation of 1615 reports this as a small rectory, of the annual value of twenty marks, that Thomas Wood was then the incumbent, that the church and chancel were wholly ruinous, and the profits of the living therefore sequestered.

In 1641 Thomas Fitz William, who seems to have been the lessee of Lord Howth, fortified and held out this castle for the confederates of the Pale against the parliamentary forces. It was ultimately surrendered when the greater part of the fortifications was blown up with gunpowder. Cromwell is said to have subsequently battered the remains from his ships, but it appears somewhat problematical, from the intervening distance, that any such event could have occurred, at least from sea. The Husseys soon afterwards acquired a derivative interest in Baldungan, and in 1663 the right of Matthias Hussey therein, after his father's death, was decreed and saved in the patent of Sir Thomas Wharton, while Lord Howth, having shewn that he had not participated in the war of 1641, was restored to his full rights herein.

The circumstances, under which the first view of Baldungan broke upon the author's notice, cannot be forgotten. It was at the earliest dawn of the morning, and from the ascent of that hill which has been noted under the martial appellation of the Man of War. Looking eastward the valleys to the sea wore a singularly interesting appearance, filled so entirely with the morning mists that all seemed one sheet of water, from whose bosom, calmly majestic, rose the summits

as of island hills basking in the first beams of day. By degrees a gentle gale shifted the vapours that curtained the lowland, the scenery broke from this hoary chaos, and first the massy walls and towers of Baldungan kindled in the early light upon a neighbouring eminence. In fitting succession every hill threw off its whitening shroud even to the base, chasms opening in the valleys expanded to the enthusiastic gaze, until at length, all undrawn, every rock, every promontory of the coast was distinctly defined, beyond which the billows of the Irish sea danced in a boundless expanse of wavy light.

— The road from Baldungan to Balrothery is hilly, and commands fine views of land and sea from Clogher Head to Howth. Passing Milverton, a great portion of which was in the seventeenth century the estate of Viscount Fitz Harding, having been forfeited by William Treves and John Arthure in the war of 1641, and is now the estate of Mr. James Hans Hamilton, and the residence of Mr. Wood, an obscure little burial-ground succeeds, called Saint Mavie. Hampton, the handsome seat of Mr. Hamilton next invites attention, and presently appear the interesting ruins of Balrothery, and in the distance Balbriggan whitening all the beach.

#### BALROTHERY

was an ancient manor of the Barnewalls, extending over the townlands of Balruddery, Flemington, Stephenstown, Corkean, Turkentown, Ballaston, Ley-

ton, Newmane, Percival's freehold, Baldungan, &c. The common of the Ring here comprises thirty acres, and is partly composed of bog, on which the tenants of the town have still common of turbary.

The village, which, before the diversion of the great northern road into the Ashbourne line, was much more prosperous, presents a long, straggling, ruinous range of cabins, that are let without land each for about £1 10s. per annum. At the nearer end of the town, on a commanding height, are some fine ruins of the old church, presenting a square steeple with one angular rounded tower, somewhat resembling that adopted in the architecture of Lusk church. The church here is a plain modern addition to this steeple, and contains no monuments. Near it is a glebe of nineteen acres, with a glebe-house upon it, while there is another glebe of eleven acres at the distance of three-quarters of a mile. In the graveyard are monuments to the Crosthwaites, the Moneypennies in 1743, an old vault of the Hamiltons, in which Baron Hamilton was interred in 1793, &c. In the adjoining field is a portion of a square castellated mansion. There is also an old Roman Catholic chapel here.

Near this town, according to Doctor Rutty, besides plenty of iron-mine, are several varieties of the iron-stone which are attracted by the magnet in their crude state. The fields about this place and Lusk used formerly to supply the clothiers of Dublin with the *dipsacus sativus*, or teasel plant, the richness of the soil contributing greatly to its luxuriance, although

the heads thus produced have fewer hooks in the same space, than when they shoot from a poorer soil. Those imported from England were, however, found more effective than the Irish, and machinery has now superseded all.

The parish, which includes Balbriggan, bears the name of this village, and, as the rectory is inappropriate in the trustees of Wilson's Hospital, it ranks as but a vicarage in the gift of the Baker family. In the Roman Catholic parochial arrangement it is united to Balcadden. It contains 6884A. 1R. 38P. in thirty-seven townlands, and a population which was in 1831 returned, exclusive of Balbriggan, as 2062 persons. In the village are male and female schools, for the support of which the National Board have allowed £25 per annum. The number of pupils in the former was returned in 1834 as 206. The Poor Inquiry Report of 1835 calculates that there are 600 labourers in this parish, of whom 200 are permanently employed, 350 occasionally, and 50 almost always unemployed. It also states, what should not be omitted, that "this parish has been distinguished in the worst of times for the quiet and peaceable conduct of its inhabitants." The average acreable rent is about £1 15s., exclusive of the town parks in the neighbourhood of Balbriggan. The principal proprietors are the Marquis of Lansdowne, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Smith of Beau, Mr. Baker, the Hon. and Rev. Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hutcheson, &c.

About the year 1200, the Archbishop of Dublin gave the church of Balrothery, with the chapels of Baldungan and Lam-

becher at Bremore, and all other appurtenances, to the religious house of the Blessed Virgin of Kilbixy, and to the canons there serving God, to hold same in frankalmoin, reserving an annual rent out of the church of Balrothery to that of Lusk, in consequence of which, in a few years afterwards, this church was sought to be recovered, as an appendage to the rectory of Lusk; the claim was, however, on suit moved, rejected, and the said church was confirmed to the house of Kilbixy, together with all its appurtenances, and also, all the tithes of the mill of Balrothery, and a messuage outside the walls of Dublin, near that village of Hogges, on whose site College-green now stands.

In 1205 King John, by charter, granted to the commonalty of the counties of Dublin and Meath, commonage of turbary, in the bogs of Garristown, Balrothery, &c., to hold to them and their successors in pure and perpetual alms, which right was actually so enjoyed by the grantees and their successors for upwards of two hundred years, when they complained to the king that the trust was abused by some exercising the right in improper places, and digging deep pits therein, &c.

In 1262 William de Clastonia, Prior of St. Mary's of Kilbixy, ratified the Archbishop of Dublin's collation of John de Cambridge to the vicarage of Balrothery, saving, however, the right of patronage on the decease or resignation of the said John.

Previous to the year 1318, Sir Hugh de Lacy was possessed of part of Balrothery, but he having aided the Scotch invader Bruce and his adherents, his several lands were forfeited at that period, and those in particular were granted to Richard de Ideshall, (Isdall,) and his heirs. In 1343 Richard de Constantine was seised of the manor of Balrothery, and in 1344 Walter de Cruise paid a fine of half a mark for his father's transgression in acquiring the manor of Balrothery, from the aforesaid Richard de Constantine, without having obtained the king's license.

In 1385 the king presented John Giffard, clerk, to this living. Soon afterwards Robert Burnell, an ancestor of that ancient family which afterwards settled at Balgriffin, held in fee half the barony of Balrothery. In 1402 the king granted Balrothery and certain other lands in the barony, to Richard Cloptoun. In 1410 Sirs

Christopher Preston and Edward Perrers were assigned to oversee the aforesaid bogs of Garristown, Balrothery, &c.

In 1415 the king granted the custody of all the manors, lands, &c., which Catherine, then late wife of Reginald Barnewall, held in Drymnagh, Ballyfermot, Tyrenure, Balrothery, &c., to be held during the minority of said Reginald's heir. And in the same year, Nicholas Hill, Archdeacon of Dublin, and vicar of this church, had the royal license to absent himself from Ireland for four years, to remain at the Court of Rome, and during the interval receive the profits of his ecclesiastical preferments, without incurring the penalties then incident upon non-residence. He was subsequently promoted to the deanery of St. Patrick's. For a notice of Balrothery in 1590, see "Lusk."

In 1592 the church was found to be tributary to Balrothery, which latter was at the same time recognised as a perpetual vicarage appertaining to the Prior of Tristernagh, and in a few years afterwards was valued to the First Fruits at £11 19s. 10d. The precentor and treasurer of St. Patrick's cathedral, Dublin, used at this time to receive a pension of £6 in moieties out of this benefice from the farmers of the tithes. An inquisition of 1562 ascertains the rights of the Prior of Tristernagh in this parish, in lands, glebes, and tithes. The extent and value of the latter are thus specified:—"The tithes of corn in the townland of Ballymoone, and its subdenominations of Cusack's farm, Burnell's land, Pippard's land, Argillan, Bangyrath, Baltra, and Leyton, annual value, besides reprises, £11; the tithes of great Folkston, and little Folkstone, £4; Cloghrudder, and Tankardstown, £2 2s.; Balbriggan, £2; Darcystown, and the great farm of Curclagh, £6; Knockingen, Flemingstown, and Harbards-town, six shillings, &c. The hospital of St. John of Jerusalem had also some landed possessions within this parish, as then similarly ascertained. Balrothery was then accounted amongst "the walled and good towns" of this county. For a notice of the possessions of the Plunkett family here in 1582, see at "Dunsoghly."

In 1590 all the estates of the religious house of Tristernagh, including Balrothery, were leased and subsequently granted to Captain Piers, while in 1600 Thomas Ram, Bishop of Ferns and



Leighlin, held its vicarage in commendam, vacant by the death of Richard Thompson, and in 1610 the king presented Ralph Kiernan thereto, who was succeeded in the following year by James Clarke, and Clarke in 1613 by Thomas Fagher. For a notice of the possessions of the Plunketts here in 1611, see at "Dubber."

The regal visitation book of 1615 returns Balrothery as a rectory inappropriate to the priory of Tristernagh, its vicarage being of the value of £30, and filled by Thomas Fagher, and adds that the church and chancel were in good repair.

In 1622 the king presented John Bynes to this vicarage with that of Kilsallaghan. In both of which he was succeeded in 1625 by Robert Worrall. For a notice in 1629 of the Fagan property here, see at "Kilmainham."

In 1625 Peter Barnewall was seised in fee tail of the manor of Balrothery, the town of Ballymad, four messuages, sixty acres, &c. For a notice in 1637, see "Lough Shinny."

In 1641 the right of holding three annual fairs and a weekly market was conceded to this town, and in the same year Sir Henry Tichburne, having received notice from the Lords Justices that a reinforcement sent to him from Dublin was likely to be attacked on the way by the rebels, marched out of Drogheda with a competent force to meet them; they, however, mutinied at Balrothery, and would proceed no farther.

In 1647 an engagement took place here, which is commemorated in an ancient manuscript, entitled "a bloody fight at Balruddery," though possibly it was only one of those conflicts of petty faction, which, until very recently, were of too frequent occurrence over the country.

In 1665 the sheriff of the county of Dublin was by a vote of the house of commons ordered to restore to his Royal Highness, James Duke of York, the possession of the lands of Dromore, Cloghruddery, part of Balruddery, Ballyscadden, &c., of which his Grace had been unjustly disseised by the ter-tenants.

In 1666 Knockingen, 135A., Knock, 69A., part of Balrothery, 30A., Leyton, 133A., Turkinstown, 56A., Castleland, 43A., Rath, 143A., Blackhall, 98A., Stephenstown, 233A., &c., plantation measure, were granted by patent to the aforesaid James Duke of York by that infamous policy, which, on the restoration enriched

the sons of the martyred king, with the estates which their ancient proprietors forfeited with their lives in his service ;

“The gallant cavaliers, who fought in vain  
For those who knew not to resign or reign.”

In 1669 Lord Gormanston had a grant of the Inch of Balrothery, 61A. profitable, and 19A. unprofitable, plantation measure. For a notice of Balrothery in 1697, see *post*, at “Balscadden.”

In 1700 Robert Lord Lucas claimed an estate in fee in Balrothery, as also in 50A. in Rathcoole, with other lands, in right of a patent thereof in 1674 to Sir Edward Sutton, and which were forfeited by King James ; his claim was, however, disallowed. In 1703 the trustees of the forfeited estates sold to Sir Robert Echlin all those lands in the parish stated to have been granted to James Duke of York, and which were forfeited on his attainder. For a notice in 1718, see at “Balbriggan.”

There are in the Consistorial Court of Dublin two terriers of 1753 and 1783, respectively defining the rights and endowment of the vicarage of Balrothery.

In 1811 the Board of First Fruits granted £250, and lent £550 more towards building the glebe-house here, and in 1813 the same body lent £1000 towards building the church.

In shady places about Balrothery the botanist will find *lathræa squamaria*, greater toothwort, flowering early in May.—In the adjacent drains and bog pits, *alisma natans*, floating water plantain, a scarce and curious plant, stretching its ovate leaves over the water ; *hydrocharis morsus raneæ*, frogbit.—While between this and Balbriggan, *chara flexilis*, smooth chara, and the marsh mallow, are singularly abundant.

Proceeding, amidst the perfume of hawthorn blossoms, towards Balbriggan, Hampton Hall, the residence of Mr. George Alexander Hamilton, and Pros-

pect, formerly a seat of the Earl of Bective, appear at right between the road and the sea, while at left are the mills of Stephenstown, and the head and race, which at times pour their superfluous waters in a little cataract through the town of

## BALBRIGGAN,

more anciently called Ballybriggen, into which the village of Balrothery appears to glide imperceptibly.

Balbriggan has been a very thriving place, but, by the decline of the cotton factories, the withdrawing of the fishery bounties, and the diversion of the great Northern road, the advantages, which its proprietors zealously laboured to promote, have been considerably impeded. Its population was returned in 1831 as 3016 persons. Strictly, it constituted a chapelry in the deanery of Garristown, improper in the Hamilton family. It ranks, however, in common parlance, as a townland in the parish of Balrothery, both in the Catholic and Protestant dispensations.

A very handsome church was founded here in 1813 at an expense of £3018, of which the sum of £1400 was given by the Board of First Fruits, £478 raised by voluntary contributions, as Mr. G. A. Hamilton states, from the Roman Catholics and Protestants of the neighbourhood, and the remainder was the free gift of the Reverend George Hamilton and his family. That gentleman also settled an endowment for the curate. The edifice constructed in these kindly and liberal feelings was accidentally burned in

1833, but is now in progress of being rebuilt, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners having granted £480 in aid of the object. There is no graveyard attached, the parochial burial ground being at Balrothery, but under the church is the family vault of the Hamiltons of Hampton. There is here also an old Roman Catholic chapel, and an extensive modern one, on a new site, will probably be finished before these sheets are printed.

A parliamentary report of 1826 states two schools as then existing here, at one of which eighty-seven Roman Catholic boys and one Presbyterian were educated, each scholar paying from one penny to fourpence per week, and in the other forty-seven Roman Catholic girls and three Presbyterian, to the mistress of which the parish priest allowed £3 per annum and a ton of coals. There was also another school reported at the same time as existing in Balrothery-street where twenty-four Protestant and ten Catholic children were educated, and to which the Rev. Mr. Hamilton and the Rev. Mr. Baker contributed £5 each.

The town appears built on as many hills as old Rome itself, the only good street, however, for private residence, is George-street. House rent and lodgings are unreasonably high in price, while the markets are dear and scantily supplied. A crescent of bathing villas would be extremely likely to succeed here, and to offer ulterior consequent advantages for the outlay of capital, nor is it improbable that before long, on the construction of the proposed

Drogheda Railway, and under the auspices of such a proprietor as Mr. G. A. Hamilton, these speculations may be fully realized. A small stream, which turns several flour mills, empties itself through the town into the sea, which here presents a fine bathing shore.

The harbour is the only place of shelter, for vessels exposed to severe weather, between the bays of Dublin and Carlingford, and, as it is all clear ground and soft sand, a vessel in a storm from east, without anchor or cable, may venture to run herself aground within it, at least when there is sufficient water, which within the pier head is about fourteen feet at high water springs, but it is all dry at low water. The pier is a rough mole projecting into the sea about 600 feet, with a lofty wall eighteen feet thick at its base, and protected on the outside by a considerable rampart of great rocks, to defend it from the waves. It was built by the late Baron Hamilton at an expense of about £15,000 of which £1500 was granted to him by the Irish parliament in 1761, and £3752 in 1765. About the year 1829 an inner dock, or harbour, was constructed at a cost of about £3000, of which £1314 7s. 9d. was granted by the late Irish Fishery Board, £100 by the Marquis of Lansdowne, and the remainder defrayed by the late Rev. George Hamilton, then proprietor. His son, Mr. George A. Hamilton, has also expended considerable sums in supporting and improving the structure. The Ballast Board have built an excellent light-house on the pier head, and at the opposite

side of the creek is a Martello tower. Within this harbour ships of two hundred tons can unload, and accordingly such vessels do carry in here slates, coals, and culm from Wales, also rock salt and bark, while the exports are corn and cattle, and the quay is frequently completely occupied with such craft. In making the harbour from the northward by night, care must be taken to avoid the Carjoe rock, which lies about a mile from the pier.

The Ballast Board collect the harbour dues under the authority of the acts of parliament, 26 Geo. 3, c. 19; 30 Geo. 3, c. 25, s. 9; and 32 Geo. 3, c. 35, s. 55; under the provision that the sums so collected shall be laid out in the repairs and improvement of the respective ports. The dues collected here are sixpence per ton on the registered tonnage of each trader landing goods in the port, one penny per ton for the support of the quay walls, and 1s. 8d. per ton for every ton of ballast taken. The repairs are executed under the direction and superintendence of the Hamilton family, whereby an obvious and serviceable check is reciprocally created. How more than faithfully the funds have been applied appears from the tots of the last return, furnished by Mr. G. A. Hamilton as for seven years, commencing in January, 1827.

	£	s.	d.
Expended, in that interval, in the repairs of Balbriggan harbour . . . . .	2387	1	6
Received, during same, under the authority of said acts, . . . . .	1740	1	6
Expended by the Hamilton family, over and above the receipts . . . . .	647	0	0

In 1829 the tonnage of the vessels employed here was reported as 2513, and the number of the fishermen as 863. In the following year the number of fishermen employed from this port increased to 934, while the report of the last year on the Irish Fisheries states only twelve boats, of from twenty-five to fifty-seven tons burden, engaged here, each employing six or eight men. Besides the cotton mills, hereafter alluded to, there is also a salt work here, which does a great deal of business.

A regular vein of sparry micaceous stone, fit for the manufacture of pure crystal glass, has been discovered here, also a small vein of copper and sulphur by that indefatigable mineralogist Donald Stewart.

The records of this locality are so identified with those of Balrothery, already enumerated, that few remain for notice here.

In 1635 Peter Barnewall was seised in fee tail, of two messuages and 40A. here, which he held of the king in capite by knight's service.

On the 3rd of July, 1690, King William encamped here after the battle of the Boyne.

In 1700 Thomas Baker claimed a leasehold interest in 60A. here, part of the forfeitures of the Earl of Tyrconnel, and his claim was allowed; while in 1703 James Kiernan of Dublin obtained a grant of Little Balbriggan, and the mill, 60A. &c., which had been also the estate of Richard then late Earl of Tyrconnel attainted, and previously granted by said Earl to Viscount Sydney, and sold by him in 1698 to said Kiernan.

In 1718 the Barnewall property in Balbriggan and Balrothery was purchased by Alexander, the son of Hugh Hamilton of Erinagh and Ballybrenagh, in the County of Down, from whom it has lineally descended to the present proprietor.

In 1780 Baron Hamilton, then proprietor of this place, esta-

blished extensive cotton works here, for the promotion of which parliament granted the sum of £1250; but it was in some years afterwards nearly abandoned for the hosiery manufacture. Two cotton works, however, revived here; one having a forty-eight horse power with 3060 spindles, capable of producing 3000lbs. of twist per week, and employing about 110 persons; the other having a thirty-six horse power, with 4452 spindles, capable of producing 4400lbs. of twist per week, employing 205 persons. Both these existed until recently, when one stopped; the surviving concern employs about 100 persons of both sexes and all ages. In reference to the hosiery business, Mr. Hamilton states, that there are factories here capable of producing sixty dozen of stockings in the week, while there are also 942 looms in the town and neighbourhood for the weaving of calicoes, cords, and checks.

The Dublin Chronicle of August 18th, 1791, contains a very vivid description of a perambulation of the franchises of this town, which had been then recently celebrated. It describes the pageant as classified in six bodies, the tailors, smiths, weavers, butchers, brewers, and spinners, attended by their carriages, in which were displayed the practical operations of the several fabrics of the town.

In 1795 Earl Fitz William landed at Balbriggan, to assume the government of Ireland.

The student of nature will find here in the hedges, or on the adjacent sandy places, *cynoglossum sylvaticum*, green-leaved hound's-tongue, a very disagreeably scented plant; *arenaria peploides*, sea sandwort; *cerastium semidecandrum*, little mouse-ear chickweed; *glaucum luteum*, yellow-horned poppy; *sonchus arvensis*, corn sow thistle.—In the fields, *cichorium intybus*, wild succory, with its broad succulent leaves, but as the stems become hard with age, it is unfit to be made into hay: the flowers, which appear in July and August, are of a fine blue colour. This plant is much used in France as a salad; while the roots, cut



into small pieces, and slightly roasted, are employed as a substitute for coffee in some parts of Germany; and in Belgium, a portion of chichory is generally mixed with coffee-beans.—In the marshes, *apium graveolens*, wild celery: and, on the adjacent shore, *pulmonaria maritima*, sea lungwort; *fucus aculeatus*, prickly fucus; *fucus plicatus*, matted fucus; *atriplex laciniata*, frosted sea orache, &c.: while, in reference to its conchology, the *bulla hydatis*, the *helix cingenda*, and the *serpula granulata* have been found on the surrounding shore.

In the immediate vicinity of Balbriggan is Hampton Hall, before alluded to, the residence of George Alexander Hamilton, Esq. It extends along the shore from Balbriggan to Skerries, contains about 500 acres, is well wooded, greatly diversified with hill and valley; and, through vistas of the woods, commands sea views of exceeding beauty. The house, which was erected by Baron Hamilton, is a handsome building; the pleasure-grounds and hot-houses extensive.

Although the noble family of “Hamilton” is not strictly connected by ancient tenure with the last mentioned locality, yet has it been for upwards of a century wedded to Balbriggan with the more morally gratifying, and, in Ireland, unfortunately rare distinction, of giving to its inhabitants an inheritance of landlords, who, amidst all the discouragements of Irish trade, and dissensions of Irish society, have laboured to maintain the prosperity and happiness of their tenantry. The following memoir of

## THE FAMILY OF HAMILTON

may therefore, it is hoped, be here allowed as a tribute, which the writer will be ever rejoiced to pay where claimed by such honourable services.

This illustrious house claims to derive its origin from Bernard, a noble of the blood royal of Saxony, second in command to Rollo, the first Duke of Normandy, in 876. Humphrey, the great grandson of this nobleman, lived in the eleventh century, founded and endowed the Abbey of Preaux, in Normandy, and was there buried. His son, Roger de Beaumont, was one of the council who persuaded William the Conqueror to invade England: and his son Robert married the grand-daughter of Henry the First, King of France, commanded the right wing of the Duke of Normandy at the battle of Hastings, and was created Earl of Leicester in 1108. Robert, the third Earl of Leicester, grandson of the first, died and was buried in Greece, on his return from the Holy Land in 1190; and his sister, it may be remarked, having been married to the Earl of Pembroke, was mother of Strongbow, the invader of Ireland. The eldest son of this last named Robert died without issue; his second son, Roger, was Bishop of Saint Andrews; and his third son, William, having been born at Hambleton or Hamilton, in Leicestershire, took the surname "de Hamilton" from that place, and was the more especial stock of the widely diffused families of that name. About the year 1215, having gone into Scotland to visit his sister, who was married to the Earl of Winton, he was there well received by the Scottish king, under whose favour he settled in that country, and intermarried with the daughter and representative of the Earl of Strathern. His son, Sir Gilbert, married Isabella, the niece to King Robert Bruce, the issue of which marriage Sir Walter, or perhaps more correctly, Sir William Hamilton, particularly distinguished himself at Bannockburn, where he received the honour of knighthood under the banner on the field.

His son, Sir Gilbert, having spoken honourably of the great merits of Robert Bruce, in the court of Edward King of England

in 1325, received an insult from John de Spencer which led to a rencontre in which the latter fell. Hamilton thereupon, apprehensive of court influence and resentment against him, fled to Scotland. In this his flight being closely pursued into a forest, he and his servant changed clothes with two wood cutters, and taking their saw were cutting through an oak tree when their pursuers came up. Perceiving his servant's attention too much fixed upon them, he hastily reminded him of his assumed duty by the word "through !" rebuked by which presence of mind the servant renewed his work, the pursuers passed on unsuspecting, and Sir Gilbert adopted the call "through" with the oak tree and saw as his motto and crest. Soon after his arrival in Scotland he obtained a grant of the barony of Cadzow, in Lanarkshire, thenceforth called Hamilton.

In 1346 Sir David Hambleton of Cadzow, accompanied King David Bruce to the battle of Durham, where he was taken prisoner with his royal master, but soon after ransomed. He was subsequently one of the *Magnates Scotiæ*, who assembled at Scone to acknowledge John Earl of Carrick, eldest son of King Robert the Second, undoubted heir of the crown.

In 1357 the earliest mention of the name appears to occur in Ireland, when the king committed the custody of the manor of Drogena, during the minority of its heir, to Thomas de Hamilton.

In 1455 Sir John Hamilton, grandson of the before-mentioned Sir David of Cadzow, was joined with the Earl of Angus in the command of the royal army on the memorable occasion when the Earl of Douglas was totally routed. In 1474 Sir James Hamilton, Lord Hamilton of Cadzow, a lineal descendant of William de Hamilton who first assumed the name, was married to the Princess Mary, eldest daughter of James the Second, King of Scotland. His daughter married the Earl of Lennox and Darnley, and was ancestress of James the First of England.

James Hamilton, second Earl of Arran, was Regent of Scotland in 1543, &c. during the minority of Queen Mary, was declared next to her the second person in the kingdom, and was created Duke of Chattelherault by Henry the Second of France.

In 1608 Hans Hamilton, the lineal descendant of the Lords of Cadzow, died minister of Dunlop in Scotland. His eldest son,

James Hamilton was the first of the family who settled in Ireland in his father's life-time, having been sent thither with James Fullerton by James the Sixth, afterwards the First of England, to encourage his adherents and secure his interest in Ireland; the more prudently to effectuate which, and to conceal the real motives of their mission, they assumed the character and office of school-masters, and actually presided over that grammar school at which Primate Usher received his early education, and from which he entered Trinity College under said Hamilton, then a Fellow of that university. On the accession of King James to the crown of England, he rewarded this his agent's services by extensive grants of lands in the County Down, and conferred on him successively the honor of knighthood and the titles of Viscount Claneboy and Earl of Clanbrassil, which titles became extinct by the failure of his line in his grandson. Viscount Claneboy also acquired considerable estates in the County Louth, by assignment from Sir Nicholas Bagnal; and having invited his brothers from Scotland to participate in the advantages which his rank, property, and influence gave him in Ireland, five of them came over accordingly hither. Of these Archibald, the second son of Hans Hamilton of Dunlop, became the ancestor of the Hamiltons of Killileagh and Killough; Gawen, the third son of Hans, was ancestor of Robert Hamilton of the Curragh of Kildare. John Hamilton, the fourth son of Hans, settled in Armagh; he married Sarah, daughter of Sir Anthony Brabazon, and was the ancestor of the lines of Mount Hamilton in the County of Carlow, of Sheep Hill in the County of Dublin, and Rock Hamilton in the County of Down. William Hamilton, fifth son of the Rev. Hans, was ancestor to the Hamiltons of Bangor, Tyrella, Balbriggan, (of whom hereafter,) and Tollymore, as was Patrick Hamilton of the Hamiltons of Granshaw and Mount Clithero, some of whom returned to Scotland, while others are yet established in the barony of Ardes.

Early in the aforesaid reign of James the First, another James Hamilton, grandson of the Earl of Arran, having been created Baron of Abercorn, and soon afterwards Baron of Hamilton, Mount Castle, and Kilpatrick, and Earl of Abercorn, had summons under the same designations to the Irish House of Peers. He also

obtained a large grant of lands in the Barony of Strabane and County of Tyrone, whereon he built a castle, church, school-house, and town. Con O'Neill is recorded to have consented to this gift of a portion of his immemorial inheritance, in consideration of a pardon granted to him by the king at the suit of said James Hamilton. Sir William Hamilton had also, about the same time, large grants in the said county, which were in 1631 declared forfeited to the crown, by reason of said Sir William having demised the same to "mere Irish," contrary to the conditions of his letters patent. In 1615 James Hamilton of Keckton acquired the manor of Drumka with the islands in the County of Fermanagh, which he afterwards sold to John Archdall, who took out a fresh patent for same; while about that time Robert Hamilton, Esq. acquired considerable estates in the said county; and Sir Claude Hamilton was seised of upwards of 3000 acres in the County Cavan, as were other members of this family of different tracts therein.

In 1618 James, the second Earl of Abercorn, was created Lord Hamilton, Baron of Strabane, which honour was, however, on his lordship's petition, transferred to his next brother the Hon. Claude Hamilton. In 1623 Malcolm Hamilton, a native of Scotland, and Chancellor of Down, was consecrated Archbishop of Cashel. In 1626 Sir George Hamilton acquired a most valuable interest in lands in the county of Donegal, but forfeited same by not taking the oath of supremacy.

In 1630 the Marquis of Hamilton commanded a force of British auxiliaries in the service of the King of Sweden. In 1640 Thomas Hamilton, second Earl of Haddington, having actively espoused the cause of the Covenanters, was blown up in the castle of Douglas, (of which he was governor,) with several of his kindred and adherents.

In 1642 Captain William Hamilton was one of those who aided in the defence of Drogheda.

In 1648 James Duke of Hamilton fell a sacrifice to his loyalty, and was beheaded, while his brother William, who succeeded to the title, was slain at the battle of Worcester in 1651.

In 1650 James, the third Baron of Strabane, having adhered to Sir Phelim O'Neill, held the fort of Charlemont against the usurping powers, and on its capture fled to the woods of Monter-

eling in the county of Tyrone, where he was taken prisoner. His vast estates were thereupon confiscated, and the possession thereof given in 1657 to Edward Roberts, Esq., his Highness's Auditor General. Amongst those who sought redress from the Court of Claims, in consequence of the Irish forfeitures of this period, were Sir Francis Hamilton for lands in the counties of Cavan and Antrim, Sir George Hamilton in Tyrone, Kildare, Clare, and Cork, James Hamilton in Monaghan, Roscommon, and Meath, Captain William Hamilton in Longford, Down, and Tyrone; and Sir Hans (the son of William before mentioned as the ancestor of the Balbriggan line) for lands in the county of Down, of one of whose boroughs, Killileagh, he was the representative in parliament.

In 1659 Archibald Hamilton of Ballygally in the county of Tyrone, died seised in fee of upwards of 1200 acres in the county of Tyrone. In 1660 Sir Francis Hamilton was one of the commissioners appointed for putting into execution the king's declaration, as afterwards embodied in the Act of Settlement, and in the same year, Hugh Hamilton was created Baron of Glenawly in the county of Antrim.

In 1667 George Count Hamilton commanded an Irish regiment in the service of Louis the Fourteenth, and was engaged in the campaigns of 1673 and 1674 under Marshal Turenne. He particularly distinguished himself at the battles of Sentsheim and Entenheim, and as the French writers say, "se surpassa" at the battle of Altenheim. In 1674, when Turenne fell in his last campaign by a cannon-ball, the French army was saved from utter destruction by the intrepidity of this gallant gentleman. The circumstance is detailed with such force and interest by Mr. Matthew O'Connor in the following passage of his recently published "Picturesque and Historical Recollections of Switzerland, &c., as may more than justify the extract:—"At Salsbach, Montecucoli's battalions fell back on a defile; Turenne, imagining that he had obtained an advantage, advanced to reconnoitre, and a cannon-ball terminated his earthly career. The French army might be compared to a ship that had foundered, her sails flapping, her masts shattered, the sport of the winds and the waves, without any destination. The French colours fluttered, at times advanced, then fell back; while irresolution and dismay marked the movements of their army. The eagle-eye of Montecucoli at once

penetrated into these convulsive motions : the soul of the French army had perished. He recalled his battalions, and his cavalry were ordered to the charge, the courage and conduct of one man saved the French from irreparable defeat. Hamilton, an Irishman, the brother of the author of the 'Memoirs of Grammont,' of the noble family of Strabane, who had been banished by Whig bigotry from the court of Charles the Second, on account of his Popish creed, advanced and covered the retreat. Two Irish regiments sustained and repulsed the charge of the imperial cuirassiers, and during ten successive days bore the brunt of the attacks made by the imperial cavalry, until the greater part of the French had recrossed the Rhine. The German infantry was unable to come up with the retreating army. At Altenheim, the Irish and some French battalions withstood the shock of the imperial army, and ultimately effected their retreat. In the military annals of France, there is not a prouder day than that of Altenheim. The fame of Turenne has been immortalized by the poets and historians of the eighteenth century, and expanded by the glories of the age of Louis the Fourteenth. The renown of Montecucoli is narrowed to the study of his campaigns ; but, as long as the science of war occupies the cares of mankind, his name will not sink in oblivion, and he will rank with the great men of his own country,—the Colonnas, the Farneses, the Spinolas, and the princes of the house of Savoy." In 1676 this Count Hamilton made the campaign under Marshal de Luxembourg, but on the march towards Saverne, was killed in the neighbourhood of Zebernsteeg, with a great number of the three regiments he commanded, and but for whose gallant conduct the French would, as on the former occasion, have been entirely cut to pieces.

In 1688 Richard Hamilton, a Roman Catholic General, the fifth son of George Hamilton of Donalong in the County Tyrone, an eminent officer in the service of Charles the First, and who had himself served with considerable reputation in France, but was banished on account of his imprudent addresses to the king's daughter, the Princess of Conti ; was afterwards engaged in the service of King James in Ireland, and at the battle of the Boyne led the Irish infantry to the very margin of the river to oppose the passage of the French and English. He was taken prisoner on that occasion at the last charge. So great a majority, how-

ever, of the Hamiltons espoused the cause of King William, that no less than forty-six of the name were attainted or otherwise proscribed in King James's parliament of 1689. In that parliament Claude Hamilton, the fifth Baron of Strabane, was one of the sitting Roman Catholic peers. He attended King James from France, and would have returned thither after the battle of the Boyne, but perished in the voyage; the estates and title of Strabane having been forfeited by his previous outlawry, were, however, restored to his brother Charles.

At the same period Captain James Hamilton, a kinsman of the said Baron Strabane, who had been for a time in the service and confidence of James the Second, espoused the cause of William, and took a distinguished part for him at the siege of Londonderry. He afterwards succeeded to the Earldom of Abercorn, but continuing to reside in Ireland was created Baron Mountcastle and Viscount Strabane. Gustavus Hamilton, a grandson of Lord Paisley, having also distinguished himself in the service of King William at Aughrim and the Boyne, and yet more especially by "wading through the Shannon and storming the tower of Athlone at the head of the English grenadiers," received a grant of 5382 acres in this country, and was in 1714 created Baron Hamilton of Stackallan, and in 1717 raised to the Viscounty of Boyne. The names of Andrew Hamilton and two John Hamiltons occur in the signatures of the relieved garrison of Derry, in the address to King William, while George Hamilton, fifth son of the Earl of Selkirk, distinguished himself with particular bravery at the battle of the Boyne under the same monarch, at Aughrim in 1691, at Steinkirk in 1692, and at Lauden in the following year; for all which and other military achievements he was in 1695 advanced to the peerage as Earl of Orkney, and had grants of a considerable proportion of the estates of King James in Ireland. In 1704 he acquitted himself heroically at the battle of Blenheim; in 1706 was at the siege of Menin; in 1708 commanded the van of the army at the passing of the Scheld; assisted at the siege of Tournay; was at the battle of Malplaquet, and rendered numerous other services, which were rewarded with a succession of honours to the time of his death in 1736.

In 1691 Henry Hamilton of Baillieborough, was killed on the walls of Limerick. From him is descended, in the fourth degree,



James Hans Hamilton, Esq. of Sheep Hill, a deputy lieutenant of the County of Dublin.

In 1720 died at St. Germain's the accomplished Anthony Count Hamilton, author of the *Memoirs of Grammont*, (who had married his sister,) and for many years the delight and ornament of the most splendid circles of society. He was a native of Ireland, whence he passed over with his family to France as adherents of Charles the Second. At the Restoration he again returned to England, but was, on the Revolution, a second time obliged to fly to the Continent. In the time of King James he obtained a regiment of foot in Ireland, and the government of Limerick, whence, on the abdication, he returned into France, and devoted himself to literary pursuits. He was brother of the gallant individual, before-mentioned as having made the campaigns with Turenne and Luxembourg, both having been the sons of Sir George Hamilton by Mary Butler, sister of the Duke of Ormonde.

In 1730 the Princess of Orange stood sponsor for the infant daughter of James Hamilton, Earl of Clanbrassil, who in 1752 married the Earl of Roden, and on the death of her brother without issue the Clanbrassil estates passed through her to the Roden family.

From the year 1739 to the year 1760 Alexander Hamilton, the purchaser of Balbriggan, and the lineal descendant in the fifth degree from the Rev. Hans Hamilton of Dunlop, was the representative in parliament of the borough of Killileagh. He was succeeded in the property of Balbriggan by his son the Hon. George Hamilton, who was member of parliament for Belfast, Solicitor General, and Baron of the Exchequer; and yet more distinguished for his public spirit in promoting the trade and welfare of his country. He died at Oswestry in 1793, and was buried in the family vault at Balrothery. Alexander had another son, Hugh, distinguished as a philosopher and divine, successively Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, Dean of Armagh, Bishop of Clonfert, and afterwards of Ossory. The baron died in 1793, whereupon Balbriggan descended to his son, the Rev. George Hamilton, who by his wife Anna, eldest daughter of Thomas Peppard, had issue the present inheritor George Alexander Hamilton, Esq., a deputy lieutenant

of the County of Dublin and a representative of the city in the last parliament; the lineal descendant in the twenty-fifth degree from Bernard, the nobleman of Saxony with whom this memoir commenced.

In 1786 Doctor William Hamilton, Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, published the ingenious letters concerning the coast of Antrim.

In the eighteenth century, Alexander Hamilton, a native of St. Croix, but of the Scotch house of Grange in Argyleshire, having emigrated to New York at the age of sixteen, and entered himself at Columbia College, joined the patriot army at the age of nineteen, and subsequently greatly distinguished himself in the American war. He led the Americans at the storming of Yorktown. In 1787 he developed and defended in a series of letters, under the name of Publius, the plan of the national government, and in 1789, on Washington's election to the presidency, was by him appointed to fill the office of chief secretary. In the following year he brought forward his luminous and ingenious system of funding the public debt and forming a national bank. His success in these measures acquired him the epithet of the financial saviour of the United States; he became the inseparable companion of Washington, and in 1798, when that great man was again entreated to marshal the forces of his country, the appointment of Hamilton to the post of second in command was made an imperative condition of his acquiescence. In 1807, having opposed the election of Colonel Burr to the governorship of New York, he was challenged by that gentleman, when a duel took place between them in New Jersey, where at the first fire Hamilton was mortally wounded.

In 1796 Captain Sir Charles Hamilton of the *Melpomene* captured the French corvette *la Revanche*, in 1800 took the island of Goree, and in the following year commanded numerous attacks on the French settlements in Africa; while in 1799 Sir Edward Hamilton, knight, commander of the *Surprise* of thirty-two guns, gallantly re-captured the *Hermione* of forty-four guns under the fort of Cavallo, mounted with 200 pieces of cannon, subsequently obtained the grand cross of the Bath, and was created a baronet in 1819. In 1803 died Sir William Hamilton, the celebrated

historian and naturalist; and in 1814 John Hamilton of Woodbrook in the county of Tyrone was created a baronet, having previously so distinguished himself in the Peninsular war, that the Prince Regent of Portugal conferred upon him the insignia of a knight commander of the order of the Tower and Sword, and the King of Portugal the grand cross of the same distinguished order.

A short distance from Balbriggan is

#### BREMORE,

which had been the manorial seat of a branch of the Barnewall family from the commencement of the fourteenth century. Lord Lansdowne is now the principal proprietor of the fee, and is characterized by all his tenantry as an excellent landlord.

Here is a very handsome cottage of Mr. Gilbert, opposite which, in a farm yard, the wreck of the ancient castle may be traced on a site, commanding a most extensive and sublime prospect. Near it are the remains of the old church, within which may be seen a stone, that seems to have formed the arching of the castle doorway, and bears the date of 1689. On the ground in front of the farm-house is another stone of the same edifice, charged with the armorial bearings of the families of Buriford, Howth, and Barnewall.

In early times the chapelry of Lambecher at Bremore was subservient to the church of Lusk, and long after its disunion paid a pension thereto.

For a notice of the church of Bremore in 1200, see *ante* at "Balrothery."

By a private act of parliament of 1560, it was enacted, that

James Barnewall of Bremore, and Margaret his wife, should have the tithe fish within "the corde of Bremore," and, accordingly a subsequent inquisition finds his descendant John seised of a castle, forty messuages, and sixty acres here, a water-mill, with the water course running by the land of Foulkstown and Moorpitts, and of all wrecks of the sea, and tithes of fishes appertaining to said manor.

In 1606 James Barnewall, son and heir of said John, had livery of seisin of Bremore.\*

In 1641 several barks lying off Skerries were plundered by the Confederates, and the spoil carried to "Barnewall of Bremore, a prime man."†

In 1663 the lands of Bremore and Newhaven were found to be worth £100 per annum, and to contain 405 acres. About which time, James Barnewall of Bremore was one of the signers of the Roman Catholic Remonstrance.

In 1736 Captain Vernon, then sheriff of the county of Dublin, being directed to give possession of the castle of Bremore to Mr. Tummon, was opposed by Captain Mac Culloch and his dependants. Fifty shots were exchanged, but without slaughter, at last the ammunition of the castle being spent, the besiegers drew near, made a breach, and took the garrison prisoners; but, Mac Culloch, his wife, and one O'Neill, having retired to a garden-house, necessitated another attack until they also were captured, and with the rest brought prisoners of war to Kilmainham gaol.

From Bremore, a pretty hedge road conducts to Balscadden, opening occasional vistas at right of the intermediate country to Drogheda, the fine castle of Gormanston towering amidst its woods, and the remote encircling sea.

#### BALSCADDEN.

This little village, more anciently called Ballyscadden, is situated in a deep glen, cut up by a rugged

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

† Borlase's Irish Rebellion.

ravine, that in winter is the bed of the mountain rills. The churchyard exhibits the remains of the old church, but neither contains any monument of note, unless perhaps one to the Walshes of Stidalt. Near the village are four acres of glebe. There is also a new Roman Catholic church here, rectangular and roomy.

The parish is in the deanery of Garristown, and comprises 3948A. OR. 38P. in sixteen townlands; the vicarage appertains to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, in whom the rectory is impropriate, and to whose treasurer the rectorial tithes, estimated at the annual value of £120, are payable. In the Catholic arrangement, it is in the union of Balrothery. Its population in 1831 was 1011 persons, of whom the Poor Inquiry Report states 220 to be labourers, sixty getting permanent employment, and 160 occasional. The Report of 1835 states, that there are not ten Protestants in the parish. The National Board of Education gave £63 for the building of schools here, £35 for fitting them up, and allows £14 annually for their support.

Balscadden was an ancient manor of the Ormonde family. The principal proprietors here now are the Marquis of Lansdowne, Lord Gormanston, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Aynwright. The average acreable rent is 35s. per annum.

In 1178, when Archbishop Laurence O'Toole confirmed the possessions of Christ Church, the church of Balscadden and its tithes, and the advowson of its vicarage, were enumerated amongst them, which right was subsequently further assured by the char-

ter of King Henry the Third,\* subject to the condition that four canons should be maintained there, to celebrate masses for the souls of said king and Archbishop Luke.

In 1250 King Henry granted in frankalmoigne to the cathedral of Christ Church, Dublin, three carucates, 89A., and a mill in Balscadden, also the homage and service due by Robert and Andrew Passelewe (Paisley) and William Fitz Milo from their tenements in the same village, with one carucate and 12A., which Walter le Blund held in farm. The contents of this tract of land were estimated at thirty librates, and were granted to Christ Church on the condition of paying to the dean and chapter of St. Patrick's half the yearly profits, but the prior and convent, after they had obtained possession, refused to fulfil the condition, whereof complaint being made, Archbishop Luke, with the advice of John de Taunton, Bishop of Kildare, and others, made an order that the manor should still continue in the possession of the prior and convent of the Holy Trinity, but that they should assign therefrom fifteen librates to the dean and chapter.† This moiety the dean and chapter subsequently exchanged for certain lands called Rathallagh and Ballyogan, near Carrickmines.‡

In 1306 this church was valued to Pope Nicholas's taxation at £10. For a notice of the manor in 1385, see at "Turvey."

In 1421 Henry of Marleburgh, the Irish annalist, was vicar of this parish. His chronicles commence at 1285 and terminate in this year. They are published at the close of Dr. Hanmer's Chronicle, and are frequently quoted by Archbishop Ussher, who affirms that the best MS. copy of them is in the Cottonian collection. For a notice of the manor in 1461, see at "Turvey."

In 1515 Sir Thomas Butler was found, seised of this and other manors in this county. In 1539 the vicarage was taxed to the First Fruits at £4 12s. 4d., while the regal visitation of 1615 reports the rectory as impropriate to the church of the Holy Trinity, that the vicarage was worth £12 per annum, and was filled by Thomas Hood, and that the church and chancel were then in good repair.

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\* Alan's Liber Niger.

† Dign. Dec. p. 110.

‡ Repertorium Viride.

In 1616 this manor belonged to the Earl of Ormonde. At the time of the commonwealth survey, 30A. of commonage, plantation measure, were stated to be here.

For a notice of James Duke of York's possessions in this parish in 1665, see *ante*, at "Balrothery." In 1666 Robert Finglas had a grant of certain premises here, and in particular of the church land of Balscadden, defined as thirty acres. In 1669 Jenico Lord Gormanstown passed patent for "the farm of the land of Ballyscadden," 112A., the parks of Stamullen, 60A., &c., plantation measure.

In the civil war of 1688 James Hackett forfeited the town and lands of Tobbertown and Ballygaddy, with the land of the church of Balscadden, containing 208A., &c.

In 1697 the Rev. Andrew Finglas was returned as parish priest of Balscadden and Balrothery, resident, as the document states, at Tobbertown, being eighty years old, lame, and blind, and having Mr. John Coghnan, as his curate, living with him.

In 1703 the Hollow Blade Company had a grant of (*inter alia*) Balscadden, 31A., with church land called Priorsland, 28A., part of the estate of the before-mentioned James Hackett, attainted.

In 1805 the Board of First Fruits granted £500 towards building a new church here. In 1833, however, this parish was returned as one of those in which the Protestant service had not been celebrated for the last three years.

A road leads hence to the Naul, at the Dublin side of the stream that bounds the county. It commands some pretty views of the glen; but the lover of the picturesque should turn at Tobberstown, descend to the bridge of Doulagh, and, thence crossing into the county Meath, pursue the little road that leads by the river to what is called the old mill, but now the new mill of the Naul. The hedges along this road were (July, 1836,) breathing the perfume of wild roses and woodbine, while in the shady ditches

behind them, the sheep lay listlessly panting in the heated atmosphere. In such an hour it was cooling, as by sympathy, to see the bathers plunging

“ Their fervent limbs in the refreshing stream,”

and to look upon that stream itself, gliding in graceful meanders, while the silence of the valley was broken only by its babbling current, or the strokes of the mill-wheel that laboured to impede it. Hence the lovely glen of the Naul, with Westown House peering at its head ; and Harbertstown, with its turret on a yet greater elevation, can only be seen to advantage by the pedestrian, who thus reaches a portion of the valley, called the Roches, closely hemmed in by precipitate cliffs, rich with vegetable drapery at their base, and in their tall summits caverned to a considerable depth. The gap of this fine glen is sentinelled at the Meath side by Snowton Castle, and on the Dublin by the dark castle, especially termed of the

#### NAUL.

Its grey walls, here variegated with mossy streaks, there clothed in the livery of everlasting verdure, or checquered between with those picturesque weather-stains, which time only can shed over the works of man. A small lake formed here, and for which there is every facility, without much loss of good ground, would make this a truly enchanting scene.

The river that waters the glen, enters the sea at Knockingen, working several mills in its course, while



the caves alluded to are said to have been formerly the receptacle of plunderers and robbers, who retreated here, and were protected by the castle. One of these, called in the Irish *Shaun Kittoch*, or Left-handed Jack, was famed for many daring depredations. He long eluded the pursuit of justice, but having been at length taken, with an Amazonian female, the intrepid companion of all his exploits, both paid the debt due to the injured laws of their country.

In the glen is a spa, that Doctor Rutty notices as a comparatively pure chalybeate, of a modern degree of strength, to obtain the benefit of which in perfection it is necessary to resort to the fountain. "It seems worthy of notice," he adds, "that the glyn, in which this spring is found, abounds with a rotten Irish slate, which is of the mildest kind, or of the least degree of acidity, I have observed, being of a very mildly acid, and sweet, austere, or vitriolic taste, and water poured hot upon it, acquired a strong sulphureous smell, and it struck partly purple and partly blue with galls, the characteristic of martial vitriol. I moreover observed a rock of this slate to yield a nitrous efflorescence, as do likewise several stones of the like kind in the neighbouring country, which also by decoction yield a calcareous nitre."\* Lieutenant Archer, in his survey of this county, says, he observed near this crops of different veins of coal, as also fine yellow ochre.

The old castle of the Naul is a square building

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\* Rutty's Mineral Waters, p. 364.

on an eminence, that projects into the glen, and commands its whole extent, upwards and downwards. A flight of winding steps leads to its summit. The remains of Snowton Castle, on the opposite side of the stream, are now insignificant. It formèrly belonged to the Caddells.

The village comprises about fifty cottages. It has a plain church, adjoining which is a chauntry, now unroofed, with a slab over the doorway, stating its appropriation for the remains of the Hon. Colonel Hussey, of Westown, and his lady, Mable Hussey, otherwise Barnewall, 1710. There is also a Roman Catholic church here of the T form; the Catholic union comprising with Naul, Damastown, or Hollywood, Ballyboghil, Grallagh, and Westpalstown. The National Board have likewise erected male and female schools here, at an expense of £138, and allow £20 per annum for their support.

The parish comprises 2627A. 2R. 21P., in thirteen townlands; and its population was returned in 1831 as 758 persons, of whom 744 were Roman Catholics. The Poor Inquiry of 1835 calculated that there were 118 labourers here, of whom seventy-three were permanently employed, forty-one occasionally, and four almost always unemployed. In the Protestant arrangement, the rectory being impropriate in Mr. Pollard, this parish ranks as a vicarage, united with those of Hollywood and Grallagh; the church of the union being in this parish, and the patronage in the Marquis of Drogheda. The proprietors in this parish are Mr. Hussey, Mr. Tennison, and Mrs. Bunbury.

Acreable rent varies from £1 10s. to £2 5s., while a cabin, without land, is let at from £1 10s. to £2 per annum.

So early as the reign of King John, the original castle is thought to have been erected here, by Stephen de Cruces, then proprietor of the Naul. It would rather appear, however, that this estate was not acquired by that family until the close of the thirteenth, or the beginning of the fourteenth century, when one of them, intermarrying with the heiress of Simon de Geneville, in her right obtained the manor. The church was about the same time united to the priory of Lanthony near Gloucester. See "Garristown," ad ann. 1200.

In the beginning of the fourteenth century, the Prior of St. John of Jerusalem was seised of a messuage and two carucates of land herein.\*

In the hostings during the reigns of Henry the Eighth and Elizabeth, "Caddell of the Naul" (he was settled at Haggardstown in this parish) did service with two armed horsemen, while Walter Cruise was more expressly summoned in right of the Naul and Grallagh.

In 1605 Christopher Cruise was seised in fee of the Naul, Leighlinstown, Leniston, Flackston, and Loughmean, one castle and 500 acres,† and, by inquisition of 1611, the abbey of Duleek was found seised of (*inter alia*) the rectory of Naul, containing Naul, Jarnestown, Weston of the Naul, Rathaggardston, Reynoldston, and Dowlagh, and the tithes thereof, all which were granted to Lord Moore by patent of 17 James I., and confirmed by another patent of the 15 Chas. I.

In 1641 the castle, &c. of the Naul were forfeited by Christopher Cruise, Esq., as was Haggardstown, before mentioned, by John Caddell; and in 1666 James Duke of York passed patent for 500A. plantation measure here, which were, on his attainder, granted in 1703 to William Barton of Thomastown in the county of Louth. The manor subsequently passed to the Bellew family, and from them by marriage to that of Hussey.

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\* Rot. Claus. Edw. III.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

In 1697 the Rev. Owen Smyth was parish priest of Naul, Hollywood, Westpalstown, and Ballyboghill.

In 1700 John Usher, as executor of Sir Thomas Newcomen, claimed and was allowed before the court at Chichester house, a leasehold interest in the lands of Naul, little Rath, &c.

Immediately adjacent to the village is Westown House, formerly a seat of the Bellew family, now the residence of Anthony Strong Hussey, Esq., one of the deputy lieutenants for the county of Meath. It is a handsome seat, overlooking the glen and all the beauties of the adjacent country.

In reference to the subject of botany, some banks here present the *geranium lucidum*, shining crane's-bill. While on the road sides between this and Bremore are found *cheledonium majus*, celandine, containing a gold coloured juice of some medical virtues, also the *pyrethrum Parthenium*, common feverfew.

The direct way from Naul to Hollywood leaves the hill of Knockbrack on the south; the traveller, however, who takes the road that goes over this height, will be well rewarded by the magnificent extent of mountain, plain, and water which it affords, exhibiting, in a noble panorama, Slieve Gullion in the county of Armagh, Mourne mountains in the county of Down, the Hill of Carlingford and Clogher Head in the county of Louth, Gormanston Castle peering from the intervening wooded plain, Balbriggan whitening the shore, the fine semicircular perspective of sea, dotted by the villages of Rush, Dunabate, Portrane, Malahide, Beldoyle, the islands of Lambay and Ireland's Eye, with the promontory of Howth; while

to the south the plains of Meath, Kildare, and Dublin, are seen spreading to the foot of a fine termination of mountains, between which Kingstown and the metropolis can be discerned, and, amidst the landscape, the silvery line of Dublin Bay shooting far into the interior. It is not to be forgotten, that this hill is reputed to abound with most excellent coals.

## HOLLYWOOD,

the next locality on this route, was an ancient manor of the family who thence derived their name, and extended over the lands of Hollywood, Kinawdc, Brownstown, Newtown, Ballyrichard, Damastown, &c.

The hill particularly called Hollywood, commands a prospect more limited at northward than that seen from Knockbrack, but at southward equally extensive. The little village is on the descent of the latter side, and presents the ruins of another of the Fingal species of triple-arched belfry churches, with nave and chancel, the former sixteen yards long by six wide. The windows and doorways of this edifice are round arched. There are no tombs worthy of notice in either the church or churchyard, and both are thickly filled with thorns. There is a quarry immediately adjacent, which supplies lime, building, and rotten stone.

The parish bears the same name, and extends over 4789A. 3R. 5P., comprised in fifteen townlands, the chief proprietors being Lord Howth, Sir Compton Domville, Sir Thomas Staples, &c. Its popula-

tion was returned in 1831 as 1022 persons, of whom 1005 were Roman Catholics. Rent varies from one guinea to thirty-seven shillings per acre annually, wages being one shilling per day.

In the Protestant arrangement, the rectory being inappropriate in the Marquis of Drogheda, the parish ranks as but a vicarage, episcopally united from time immemorial with those of Naul and Grallagh, all in the deanery of Garristown, and gift of the aforesaid Marquis. There are five acres and a half of glebe annexed, and the income of the union is augmented by £31 per annum from Primate Boulter's fund. In the Catholic dispensation this parish is in the union of Naul.

The church here was from a very early period appropriated to the canons of Lanthony near Gloucester.

In 1206 King John directed a reference to ascertain whether Hollywood, then the fee of Geoffrey de Marisco, had been obtained on an exchange by the Archbishop of Dublin.\*

In 1230 flourished John de Hollywood, a famous philosopher and mathematician, and so called from having been born here. "In his springing years," says Hanmer, "he sucked the sweet milk of good learning in the famous university of Oxford, afterwards he went to Paris, where he professed the learned sciences with singular commendations, and there slumbereth in the dust of the earth, whose exequies and funerals were there with great lamentations solemnized." He wrote four books respectively treating 'De Sphærâ Mundi,' 'De Algarismo,' 'De Anni Ratione sive de computo ecclesiastico,' and 'Breviarium Juris.' The first of these works has been commented upon by many learned men, and particularly by Christopher Clavius. He died at Paris as before mentioned, and was buried there in the cloisters of the convent of

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\* Lit. Pat. in Turr. Lond.

St. Maturine, otherwise called the convent of the Holy Trinity for the redemption of captives; a sphere is engraved upon his tomb.\* For a notice of Hollywood and its dependant chapelry of Grallagh, in this century, see at "Clonmethan."

About the year 1302 "there arose a great controversy in law between Richard de Feringes, Archbishop of Dublin, and the Lord Edmund Butler, touching the manor of Hollywood in Fingal, with the appurtenances, which manor the Lord Butler recovered by an arbitrament or composition taken between them in the King's Bench at Dublin."†

In 1310 Roger de Sacro Bosco (Hollywood) was summoned to attend the parliament of Kilkenny, and in 1334 Henry Hollywood, a Dominican friar, was directed to parley with O'Connor, Prince of the Irish of Connaught, and to receive for his expenses and services forty shillings.

In 1355 Robert Hollywood was Chief Remembrancer of the Exchequer. In 1361 Robert de Hollywood, a member of this family, was one of those gentlemen, "the worthiest then in chivalry," who were knighted by Lionel Duke of Clarence. In 1373 he had a grant of £40 for his services in the wars in the counties of Kilkenny and Carlow, and in 1377 was required to march with his retinue against the O'Byrnes and O'Tooles. In 1401 Christopher Hollywood was one of those empowered by the king to hold convocations of the prelates, magnates, &c., to record their proceedings and to assess the state subsidies voted by them. For notices in 1416 and 1420, see at "Artane."

In 1422 the Hollywood family were on inquisition found seised of various lands in Hollywood, Brownstown, Cloghran, &c.‡ The former denomination being charged with a certain chief rent to the priory of the Holy Trinity of Lismullen, in the county of Meath. The same family had also the patronage of the vicarage of Hollywood, until by the marriage of the heiress of Sir Robert Hollywood with Robert Burnell of Balgriffin, it passed to the latter family.

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\* Ware's Writers, p. 73.

† Holinshed.

‡ Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

In 1539 the Rectory here was taxed to the First Fruits at £4 14s. and the vicarage at £2 13s. 4d. Irish.

A rental of the sixteenth century states that the Priory of Kilmainham was seised of (*inter alia*) seven acres in the mountain of Hollywood, as also of a chief rent out of Hollywoodrath, while the rectory of Hollywood, containing Hollywood, Brownstown, Newtown, and Damestown were found to appertain to the Abbey of Duleek.

About the year 1560 Christopher Hollywood, was born here, entered into the Society of Jesuits in France when he was about twenty-two years of age, studied philosophy and divinity at Pont a Mousson in Lorrain, and afterwards read lectures of divinity at Padua in Italy, where he took the fourth vow. At length he was sent a missionary into Ireland, and appointed to govern those of his own society. In his journey he was arrested in England and for a time imprisoned, but, obtaining his liberty, he came into Ireland, where he presided over the Jesuits twenty-three years, to the time of his death which happened in 1626. He wrote "Defensio decreti Tridentini et sententiæ Bellarmini," and also "Libellus de investigandâ verâ ac invisibili Ecclesiâ," &c.

In 1610 the king granted to Thomas Hibbotts and William Crowe all the crown estates in the town and fields of Hollywood, &c. At the same period Viscount Moore was seised of the rectory and tithes, for which he took out more effectual patents in 1618 and 1640, while the Hollywood family were seised of the manor, twenty messuages, and 760 acres.\* The regal visitation of 1615 accordingly states that this church was improper, adding that the vicarage was worth £20, and that Edward Corbet was vicar. For a notice in 1617 see at "Crumlin."

In 1627 Nicholas Hollywood was seised of the manor of Artane, one castle, six messuages, and 180A., Killeigh 52A., Much Hollywood, Little Hollywood, Kinaude, Brownston, Napton, and Damaston twenty messuages and 760A., being parcel of the manor of Hollywood, and which he held of the king in capite by knight's service.

At the Court of Claims consequent upon the forfeitures of 1641, John Hollywood established his right to an estate in tail

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.



male in the lands of Great Hollywood and other lands in this county, with remainder to the crown on failure of his issue male. This remainder was afterwards granted to Lord Granard and took effect. See *ante* at "Artane."

For notices of Hollywood in 1680 see at "Artane;" and in 1697 at the "Naul."

From Hollywood a road leads by Damastown, a townland on which is the Roman Catholic chapel of the parish, and over the hill of Mullahow into

## GRALLAGH,

where are the ruins of a church, which had been dedicated to St. Maccallin an Irishman of the tenth century, who took upon him the habit of a Benedictine monk at Gorzea in the diocese of Metz, and became Abbot of Walciodorus, now Vassor, near the Meuse. He subsequently retired to the church of St. Michael on the frontiers of Hainault, in the diocese of Laon, where he died in the year 978 on the 21st of January, at which day the Bollandists treat of him, and there is also an account of him in the *Acta Benedict.* Sec. v. p. 548.

The churchyard here is large, having in it an arched well, dedicated to the same saint, and overhung by a fine elder tree.

The rectory of Grallagh being inappropriate in Mr. William Dutton Pollard, the parish ranks as but a vicarage united with those of Hollywood and Naul, and in the gift of the Marquis of Drogheda. In the Catholic dispensation it is in the Union of Naul. Its

population was stated in 1821 as 196 persons, increased in 1831 to 236, of whom 205 were Roman Catholics.

The chapelry of Grallagh was from a very early period dependant on Hollywood, and with it appropriated to the canons of Lanthony near Gloucester, see at "Clonmethan;" while the manor was from an almost equally remote time the property of the Cruise family.

In 1393 Teigue O'Byrne granted six messuages and sixty acres of land of great measure, with their appurtenances, in the townland of Mullahow in this parish, to its then rector and his successors to pray for the soul of the said O'Byrne.\*

Of the Netteterville possessions here in 1561, in right of the dissolved priory of St. John the Baptist, see at "Luttrellstown."

In 1602 Sir George Carew, Vice-Chamberlain to the Queen, had a grant of five acres in Grallagh and five in Brownstown, part of the estate of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, which had been leased in 1584 to Nicholas Aylmer. In 1605 Christopher Cruise, the representative of the old proprietors, was found seised of Grallagh six messuages and 485A., which he held of the king in capite by knight's service. He was also seised of this manor as also of those of the Naul and Cruisestown.

An inquisition of 1612 finds the Abbey of Duleek seised of the chapel of Grallagh, containing Grallagh, Curragh, and Mullahow, which, together with the tithes of Grallagh, were, with the other possessions of Duleek, appropriated to Viscount Moore, and letters patent including them were passed to him in 1618 and 1640.

In the war of 1641 the above-mentioned Christopher Cruise, having forfeited all his possessions here, they were thereupon granted to Charles Viscount Fitz Harding who died seised thereof in 1672.

Proceeding from Grallagh over Shamrogue hill, and by the village of Baldwinstown, the road ascends the height on whose summit is the village of

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\* Inquis. 19 Eliz.

## GARRISTOWN,

with the conspicuous landmarks of its church steeple and windmill, while on the right the eye commands the now cultivated lowlands, once termed the bogs and commons of Garristown, comprising about 400A. in this county, and as many more in that of Meath.

The church here was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. It is a small, plain edifice, presenting at the left side of the communion table a mural monument, of black and white marble, to the memory of Robert Alexander, who died in 1827, aged eighty years. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have recently granted £61 13s. 7d. for the repairs of this structure. In a cordiality of Christian charity the Roman Catholic chapel, a cruciform, roomy structure, is so approximated to this, that one common gateway may be said to lead to each.

There is a daily school here, to which the National Board allows £18 per annum, the number of its pupils having been reported as 264, and at the farther end of the town is an extensive flour windmill, on the highest pinnacle of the hill.

Garristown gives its name to the deanery and parish in which it is situated. The latter, the rectory being inappropriate, ranks as a single vicarage, and extends over 5345A. 1R. 19P. There is a glebe-house, with about 32A. of glebe, not far from the church. The population of the parish was reported in 1831 as 2083 persons, of whom, according to a recent return, only fifteen were Protestants.—The Poor Inquiry Report of 1835 classes the la-

bourers as 195, of whom it states forty-five to be permanently employed, 140 occasionally, and ten almost always unemployed. The Catholic union comprises Garristown and Ballymadun. As before mentioned, there is scarcely any bog or commonage remaining here, that which was such now waves with the harvests consequent upon individual appropriation, and lets for about £1 5s. per acre, while the ancient arable brings about two guineas per annum. The proprietors in this parish are Mr. Alexander, lord of the manor, Lord Langford, Mr. Pollard, Lord Gormans-ton, and Sir William Somerville.

Garristown and its vicinity was, according to bardic history, the scene of that celebrated battle between the Fians and the native Irish princes, in which Oscar, one of Ossian's well known heroes, was slain. The cause of the battle, as assigned in the Cath Gabhra preserved in Dublin College, was not a private quarrel between Cairbre and Oscar, as represented by the bard, but the resentment of Cairbre and the Irish princes in general for the improper conduct of the Fians, which latter account is confirmed by the following extract from the Book of Howth.

“In Ireland there were soldiers called Fin-Erin, appointed to keep the sea coasts, fearing foreign invasion. The names of these soldiers were Fin-mac-Cuil, Collullen, Keilte, Oscar Mac Os-seyn, Dermot O'Doyn, Collemagh Morne, and divers others.—These soldiers waxed bold, as shall appear hereafter at length, and so strong that they did contrary to the orders and instructions taken by the kings of Ireland, their chiefs and governors, and became very strong, and at length would do more things than themselves without license of the kings of the land. Part of their misdemeanors was that they charged all the commons of Ireland that they should not hunt without their special license, and if they did they should pay after their value, for a hare's killing twenty-pence, for a water dog double that, and so after that, doubling still as the game was, as the fox, the wolf, the deer, and all other pastimes.

"Such disorders they kept, that the kings did assemble together, that they would banish them the kingdom, and so sent them word, who made answer that they would not unless they were put out by battle. And so these soldiers sent to Denmark for their king's son, who came with a thousand tall, worthy soldiers, as ever crossed the seas before that time to Ireland. And so the day of battle was appointed, at which time all the kings of Ireland did prepare against that day. The strangers thought themselves so apt for battle, they made haste to come to fight, and came to Ardrath against the kings, who made haste also, and came to Garristown, and they, perceiving their enemies so nigh, embattled themselves there, and after kissed the ground, and gave a great cry as their manner was, of which cry that name was given, Ballygarra, (i. e. Garra'stown.) The issue was, all the foreigners were slain saving one, called Ossein, who was alive till St. Patrick's coming, who told that holy man of all their doings," &c.

About the year 1200 John Archbishop of Dublin granted to the prior and house of Lanthony, the church of Garristown, with the chapel of Richard Chambers's land, and the church of St. Nemoire, with the chapel of Greenock and the church of Stephen de Crues, ("the Naul"), and the church of Ballymadun, and the church of the town of Ralph Paslewe. The Prior of Lanthony, however, not wishing to draw the full profits of this gift, demised all the premises in the time of Archbishop de Loundres, only reserving to his house an annuity of twelve marks of silver,\* and the church was subsequently appropriated to the priory of St. John of Jerusalem.† For a notice of the commons in 1205 see "Balrothery."

In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries the manor was the property of the D'Arcy family, from whom it passed to the Talbots.

In 1410 Thomas Corre, Vicar of Garristown, had leave to absent himself for five years from his benefice, for the purpose of studying at Oxford. For a further record connected with the commons in this year see "Balrothery."

In 1416 the Segrave family had a small part of Garristown,

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† Repert. Viride.

which they preserved until the forfeitures in 1641. At the hosting of 1532 Thomas Talbot was summoned to do military service for the manors of Garristown and Malahide.

In 1536 the king presented Edward Doyne to this vicarage, which in 1539 was taxed to the First Fruits at £7 11s. 2d. Irish. In 1540 the Prior of Kilmainham granted to Patrick Barnewall of Fieldstown, the church and parsonage of Garristown, with the tithes of corn and hay thereunto belonging, for eighty-eight years; at the annual rent of £6 13s. 4d. Irish. The Religious House of Kilmainham was also seised of certain lands in this parish. In 1542 the king presented Richard Duffe to the parish church of Garristown, vacant by the death of Simon Geoffrey.\*

In 1607 Sir John Talbot of Malahide was found seised in fee of one stone house and certain adjoining structures here, called the College of Garristown, a windmill on the mountain of Holtrass, a waste mill called Mollinbadder, a horse mill in Garristown, as also of several houses and about 326 acres of land in the town of Garristown; with certain premises in Baldwinstown, Adamstown, Tobbergragan, and Newtown near Garristown, being all parcels of the manor of Garristown, and as such held of Robert Barnewall of Dunbroe as of that manor by fealty and suit of court, said Robert being seised thereof to the use of Richard Talbot of Malahide. It is to be remarked that the inquisition adds, that "the said lands and tenements have continued in the quiet possession of said Sir John Talbot, and those whose estate he hath, ever sithence the twenty-fourth year of the reign of Henry the Eighth, and do descend according to the course of common law, and not according to the Irish custom of tanistry."

The regal visitation of 1615 returned this church as in good order, the rectory impropriate, the vicarage worth twenty marks, and Terence Evers Vicar.

In 1616 Sir Patrick Barnewall passed patent for the rectory and rectorial tithes of corn of the parish church, together with the glebe lands thereto belonging, parcel of the possessions of the Priory of St. John of Jerusalem.

In 1666 a part of Garristown, with the commons and other

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

appurtenances, were decreed to John Talbot, Esq. of Malahide in fee, while in the same year James Duke of York passed patent for twenty acres plantation measure therein; and Alexander Staples, Esq. had a grant of part of Garristown, 1006A. statute measure, to hold (saving certain rights decreed to Richard Talbot) for ninety-nine years, from 1658, at the annual rent of £12 13s. 8d. This latter tract the Commissioners of Crown Lands state, as overheld with adverse possessions since 1757.

In 1697 the Rev. Robert Taylor was returned as the parish Priest of Garristown and of Ballymadun.

By virtue of an act of parliament passed in 1803, the commons, commonable lands, and waste grounds here were enclosed, their contents being stated in the act as 1190A.

Leaving Garristown, a pretty little farm house of Mr. Rooney is seen on the townland of Tobbergragan, formerly part of the estate of the Talbot family, and so denominated from a remarkable fine well which it enjoys. A dreary road leads hence to the ancient manor of

#### BALLYMADUN,

where may be seen the ruins of a church which had been dedicated to All Saints. One side of the building is perfect and thickly enveloped with ivy. Here was also the cell of an anchoritess. In the village is also a small rectangular Roman Catholic chapel.

The parish bears the same name, and comprises 3438A. 2R. 2P. in nine townlands. Its rectory being impropriate in the Gormanston family, it ranks as a vicarage embodied in the union of Clonmethan. In it are 19A. 2R. of glebe. In the Catholic arrangement it is united with Garristown. The population

was in 1821 returned as 601 persons; increased in the census of 1831 to 795, all of whom were Roman Catholics. The principal proprietors are Colonel Tenison, Captain Savage, Mr. Curtis of Nutstown, Mr. O'Reilly, &c. The yearly rents vary from one to two guineas per acre; wages of labour from ten pence to a shilling per day.

About the year 1184 John Earl of Morton gave certain lands in Ballymadun to Elias le Cordewaner,\* from whom the subdenomination of Cordwainstown derives its name. In 1200 Sir John de Courcy gave a moiety of the lands of "Ballymadunan" to Christ's Church Dublin. For a notice of the church about the same time see *ante* at "Garristown."

About the year 1220 Archbishop de Loundres annexed the parish church of Ballymadun, with the chapelry belonging thereto, to the nunnery of Grace Dieu, in recompence for the parish church of St. Audeon, Dublin, which that establishment had previously held by grant from Archbishop Comyn, on which occasion the Prioress of Grace Dieu was bound to pay certain chief rents to the anchoritess here.

In 1237 Ralph de Turberville had a grant in fee from the crown of the manor of Ballymadun, at the annual rent of one pair of gilt spurs. It is remarkable that the sheriff of Dublin, having upon this occasion demanded 100 shillings as his fee, for delivering possession of said manor, his majesty forbade the exaction, on the ground that it was not the custom of England for any sheriff to demand more than one ox for giving seisin of lands, and this de Turberville had paid.†

In 1318 the king granted to Thomas de Hereford and his heirs, all the lands which had belonged to John de Kermardyn in Nutstown, Ballymadun, &c. in Fingal, all which had come to the king by forfeiture, in consequence of said John having carried arms against the king within the province of Walter and Hugh de Lacy.

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\* Rot. Claus. in Turr. Lond.

† Ib.



In 1344 Walter de la Hoyde had a grant of the manor of Ballymadun with the vicarage appendant. In 1353 the king committed to Roger de Mortimer the custody of said manor; and in 1422 William Scrivener, Constable of the Castle of Nicholstown, had a grant of all the lands, tenements, rents, and services in Ballymadun, to hold while in the king's hands.\* The manor subsequently passed to the Preston family, and in 1508 Lord Gormanston conveyed it, with other estates in the County of Dublin, to trustees to the uses of his will.

At the hosting of 1532 often before alluded to, Viscount Gormanston was summoned to appear in right of his lay fee of Ballymadun; he also, about the same time, presented to the vicarage as appendant.† That vicarage was in 1539 valued to the First Fruits at £4 18s.; while an inquisition of 1542 finds, that the Prioress of Grace Dieu was seised of a portion of the tithes here; and another of 1579 finds, that the cell of Ballymadun had been, before its suppression, seised of the manor of Ballymadun and the advowson of the parish church there, with fourteen messuages and about 400A. of land in Ballymadun, five messuages and 210A. in Nutstown, two messuages and 182A. in Wyestown, and eight messuages and 238A. in Cordwainstown, besides certain chief rents.

In 1598 John Barnewall died seised of the rectory of Ballymadun, which he held of the crown in free and common socage.‡

The regal visitation book of 1615 states the rectory impropriate, the church in good repair, the chancel partly in ruins, but adds that the impropiator (John Barnewall) was bound by recognizance for the repairs thereof.

At the memorable period of 1641, Robert Preston was seised of the manor and seventy-three acres in this parish, Nicholas Hollywood of 325A., Nicholas Segrave of 115A., Thomas Conran of 105A., and Matthew Begg of 250A., all which they forfeited on that occasion.

At the time of the Commonwealth Survey, there were reported to be eighteen acres (plantation measure) of commons here.

In 1669 John Lord Kingston obtained a grant (*inter alia*) of

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\* Rot. in Dom. Cap. Westm.

† Rept. Viride.

‡ Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

587A. in Ballymadun, which he soon afterwards conveyed to Sir William Domville in fee. For a notice of this parish in 1675 see at "Clonmethan." In 1698 the rectory is stated as paying a port corn rent of £11 10s. per annum to the crown, see *post* at "Ballyboghill."

At the commencement of this century there were two corn mills here ; there is none now.

On the low grounds about this place the botanist will find *sium latifolium*, broad-leaved water parsnip, creeping along the muddy bottoms of the pools : its roots are highly noxious to cattle. The *drosera rotundifolia*, broad-leaved sundew, also grows plentifully here.

#### PALMERSTOWN,

near Greenock, the succeeding locality, presents some uninteresting remains of a church, which had been dedicated to St. James ; the area, measuring fourteen yards by five, is closely filled with ash trees and hawthorns. This parish ranks as a vicarage in the union of Clonmethan, and gift of the Archbishop of Dublin. It extends over 1580A. 2R. 34P., comprised in five townlands ; and its population in 1831 was returned as 321 persons, all of whom were Roman Catholics. According to the arrangement of that church, it is in the union of Rollestown and Oldtown. The principal proprietor here is Mr. Chamney.

The church, together with certain lands and tenements in the parish, belonged at an early period to the priory of St. John the Baptist in Dublin, the rectory subsequently passed to that of

St. John of Jerusalem at Kilmainham, whose fraternity appointed a perpetual vicar there at first, but subsequently, on account of the smallness of the profits, a stipendiary curate was substituted.\* For a notice of the chapelry of Palmerstown in the thirteenth century, see at "Clonmethan."

In 1536 the prior of the house of St. John the Baptist of Dublin, demised to Alison Davy a messuage and 140A. of land in Jordanstown in this parish, (therein stated to be in the district of Fingal,) for thirty-one years, with the customs and heriots.

In 1561 the queen granted to Richard Netterville, all the messuages, lands, &c., belonging to the priory of St. John the Baptist, and situated in Palmerstown, near Greenock, &c., together with certain rectories in the counties of Carlow and Kildare. In 1642 Sir Oliver Lambert passed patent for 255 acres, with the profits of a fair on the eve and day of St. James the Apostle, all parcel of the manor of Palmerstown near Greenock, and of the estate of the then late hospital of St. John the Baptist without Newgate, with sundry premises in Jordanstown and Cotterelstown.

In 1667 the Duke of Ormonde had a grant of Palmerstown, six messuages, and 300 acres, Jordanstown 260 acres, and various other lands in this vicinity, which he immediately afterwards sold to the Archbishop of Armagh.

In 1669 the rectory and tithes of Palmerstown near Greenock were granted (*inter alia*) to William Lord Viscount Dongan, and in 1675 the curacy was by act of council incorporated in the union of Clonmethan. For a notice in 1697, see at "Clonmethan."

In the eighteenth century, the see of Dublin became possessed of two-thirds of the rectory and tithes of this parish.

Passing hence to Clonmethan, a locality before noticed, a pretty shaded road, with hedges of hawthorn and roses interlaced with woodbine, conducts to

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\* Rept. Viride.

## WESTPALSTOWN,

which still retains some interesting traces of its ancient church, measuring sixteen yards long by six wide, with huge elder trees growing out of the walls, and ivy thickly drooping over all. In the churchyard are tombs to the Dodds from the year 1751, and a few unnoted graves, over which a multitude of birds were pouring a melody that filled the whole atmosphere, and seemed to assert their sovereignty in a scene by all but them deserted.

The parish comprises 1595A. 3R. 36P., in six denominations. Its population was in 1821 stated as 188, increased in the census of 1831 to 280 persons, all of whom the Ecclesiastical Report of 1835 states to be Catholics. In the Protestant arrangement it ranks as a vicarage in the union of Clonmethan; in the Catholic it is in that of Naul. The chief proprietor is Lord Langford. Rent rates from 30s. to £2 per acre; wages from 1s. to 14*d.* per day.

About the year 1190 the church of Westpalstown was annexed to the nunnery of Grace Dieu,\* and so continued to the time of the dissolution, at which period, and for some time previous, the Beling family were seised of the principal part of the lands in the parish, a tract of sixty-seven acres being held by the abbot and fraternity of the house of the Blessed Virgin near Dublin.

In 1532 Thomas, son and heir of Patrick Finglas, then late of Westpalstown, had livery of seisin, pardon of intrusion, and license to enfeof Simon Geoffrey, Rector of Howth, and others in the manor of Westpalstown and other lands in this county, which he

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\* Repert. Viride.

held *in capite*. In 1560 the celebrated Baron Finglas of Westpalstown, author of the able "Discourse of the Decay of Ireland," was one of the representatives of this county, and then seised of this manor.

In 1615 the rectory was returned as inappropriate, the church in good repair, the chancel in ruins, but, that the king's farmer was bound to restore same.

In 1647 John Finglas of Westpalstown was one of the confederate Catholics who sat in Kilkenny. He also was seised of the manor and 140 acres, which he held of the king *in capite* by knight's service. On his forfeiture, Sir Theophilus Jones became seised thereof, together with the castle of Westpalstown,\* while Sir George Lane had a subsequent grant in 1666 of a chief rent of £2 10s. issuing thereout. In the following year, the orphan daughters of "Colonel" Owen O'Conolly, the servant of Sir John Clotworthy, and the notorious informer of 1641, had a grant of the whole townland, stated as containing on survey 186 acres plantation measure, and valued at three pence per acre. They also passed patent for various other lands in this barony.

For a notice of the parish in 1675, see at "Clonmethan," and for another in 1697, see at "Naul." On the forfeitures of 1688, the interest which the daughters of O'Conolly had here having vested in the crown, the Earl of Bellamont had a grant of the aforesaid 186 acres, in which Charles Wallis claimed a leasehold interest before the commissioners at Chichester house, but his petition was refused.

A flat and uninteresting road leads hence, by the course of a rivulet, that, struggling through flowery meadows and waving rushes, affords the only object of any interest, until the tourist reaches

#### BALLYBOGHILL,

which he enters by a bridge, and under the shade of a noble elm tree.

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

The first object that attracts attention here is a spacious new Roman Catholic church, of the rectangular form ; near which is a poor school, attended by 127 children (in July, 1836). A fine double row of elms, as venerable as that which excites admiration on entering the village, affords a shady avenue to the ruins of the celebrated church, where "the staff or crozier of St. Patrick" was long devoutly exhibited ; and certainly the name, given from time immemorial to the locality, Ballyboughal, i. e. the town of the staff, is no small evidence of the high antiquity of the tradition.\* The area of the sacred ruin measures about eighteen yards by six ; the windows and doors exhibit groined arches, and the belfry is of the triple-arched kind, so prevalent over the country of Fingal. Within the walls are monuments, one to the Fottrell family, in 1693, another to that of Andrews, in 1713, and a third to the Horishes, in 1722. There are none of any note in the churchyard. The National Board granted £106 for the building of male and female schools here, £30 9s. 4d. to fit them up, and allows £14 for their support.

The rectory of the parish is inappropriate in the crown, and it ranks but as a vicarage in the union of Clonmethan, and therein annexed to that prebend. In the Catholic dispensation it is in the union of Rollestown and Old-town. It contains 2789A. 1R. in eleven townlands, with a population, according

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\* So recently as 1529, examinations were taken upon "the Holy Mass-Book, and the great relic of Ireland, called 'baculum Christi,' in presence of the King's Deputy, the Chancellor, Treasurer, and Justice." State Papers, Part 3, p. 146.

to the census of 1831, of 520 persons in the parish, and 144 in the village, of whom fourteen are stated to be Protestants. The chief proprietor is Mr. Wood, of Milverton. Rent rates from one to two guineas per acre ; while the rate of wages is 1s. per day.

It is said that Strongbow, having early possessed himself of Ballyboghilla, after overcoming its former proprietor in combat, gave it, with its appurtenances, to the church of the Holy Trinity, (Christ Church,) as also the aforesaid staff, called the staff of St. Patrick, and which Allen, in the *Liber Niger*, states, the Apostle of Ireland was wont to carry in his hand. A confirmation, however, of the possessions of the religious house of the Blessed Virgin in 1174, enumerates amongst them Ballyboghilla and its appurtenances, while in 1179 the Archbishop of Armagh confirmed the grant of the town to this religious house, which also acquired about that time the tithes of the surrounding district in exchange for the chapel of Kilbarrock, that was thereupon annexed to the prebend of Howth ; and in 1185 John Earl of Morton confirmed to the abbey of the Virgin Mary, all their possessions in Ballyboghilla, Ballybegan, with the chapel and tithes of Ballyboghilla, free of any secular service whatsoever. Soon after which, King Henry the Second conferred same, with the other possessions of that abbey, on the religious house of Bildewas in Shropshire.

The *Repertorium Viride* of Archbishop Allen in the sixteenth century continues to report Ballyboghilla, as one of the ten chapelries dependant on St. Mary's Abbey, whose last abbot, William Laundry, was, on inquisition, found to have been seised of this rectory, the extent of which is therein defined, and its annual value stated as £18 6s. 8d., while the same document also finds almost all the lands in the parish, as also the mill with the water-course in the manor and grange of Ballyboghilla, appropriated to the said abbey. In the following year all the lands, which it so possessed, were granted for ever to Patrick Barnewall, Esq., whose title thereto was confirmed in 1546.

In 1547 the said abbot surrendered the rectorial or two-third parts of the tithes of this parish to the crown, the vicar having been previously endowed with one-third. That rectorial part was from a remote period commuted to a great extent for a certain render of oats, saved or ground, and brought to the gate of the abbey, hence called port-corn rent. Nor is it the only instance of such rents thus vesting in the crown in right of the Irish abbeys. This source of royal revenue was granted by Queen Elizabeth to the Lord Lieutenant, the Master of the Rolls, the Lord Chief Justice, the Lord Chief Baron, and the Presidents of Munster and Connaught, as part of their emoluments, and was accordingly put upon the establishment in the forty-second year of her reign, and subsequently saved to those officers by the 108th clause of the Act of Explanation, until in 1763 his majesty directed that the port-corn rents should thenceforth be paid to the Commissioners of Excise for his use. The abbot, on the occasion alluded to, had a pension of £50 per annum granted to him, charged on the manors of Ballyboghil and Portmarnock.

For a notice in 1602, see at "Dalkey." In 1615 the church of Ballyboghil was returned as a rectory inappropriate, appertaining to Christ Church, Dublin, while the curacy was stated as annexed to the prebend of Clonmethan. The visitation book further states, that Nicholas Bochan was curate, and that the church and chancel were then in good repair.

In 1641 Patrick Russell forfeited 45a. in the parish of Ballyboghil. For a notice in 1675, see at "Clonmethan."

In 1685 Lord Kingsland passed patent for (*inter alia*) the Grange of Ballyboghil 305 acres. For a notice in 1697, see *ante*, at the "Naul."

In 1793 the Rev. George Hamilton had a grant, from the Commissioners of his Majesty's revenue, of the rectorial or two-third parts of the tithes of this parish for forty-one years, at the annual rent of £30; and in 1827 a fee-farm rent of £10 6s. 3½d., issuing out of the lands of Ballyboghil, and of 10s. for the market and fair there, were sold by the crown to George Wood of Milverton.



## GRACE DIEU,

the last place of interest in the course of this excursion, was once the seat of the most extensive nunnery in this county. Only the foundations of the principal building now remain, extending twenty-seven yards in length by seven in breadth. Within this enclosure is a solitary flat tombstone, with the inscription, "*Hic jacet Johannes Hurley, cujus animæ propitiatur Dominus, Amen,*" but no date can be traced; and at a short distance hence, in the same field, is another ancient tombstone, but the inscription has been too worn down to justify any interpretation. At one side of it lies a stone-head, but the sculpture, by time and exposure to the elements, has been almost smoothed away. The cemetery has itself been utterly disconsecrated, and the plough has long since torn up the sacred remains of the buried dead.

The church was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin of the Nativity, and the convent of nuns, who were of the order of regular canonesses of St. Augustine, was founded here, or rather removed hither from Lusk by Archbishop Comyn, about the year 1190, at which time this prelate gave them the tithes of wool in his manor of Ballymore, and of those of his mill of Swords, and he subsequently appropriated to their house the church of Portrane; that of Westpalstown was also about this time annexed to it, as was likewise the church of St. Audeon or St. Owen in Dublin, but the latter endowment was withdrawn by Archbishop Henry de Loundres, who gave to the nuns, in lieu thereof, the church of Ballymadun with the chapelry adjoining, and granted St. Audeon's to the treasurer of St. Patrick's. For an incident referring to Grace Dieu in 1313, see "Howth" at that year.

In 1473 King Edward granted a license to the prioress to purchase lands to the value of £20 yearly, notwithstanding the statute of mortmain, which license was confirmed by act of parliament.

In 1533 Robert Begge was seised, according to the course of family settlements, of parts of the lands of Nutstown, Clonmethan, Cabragh near Killen, Grace Dieu, Swords, Tobbergragan, Killen, &c.

At the commencement of the sixteenth century this nunnery, with six appropriate benefices, paid £3 6s. 8d. proxies to the Archbishop of Dublin. The prioress was then seised of the priory church, steeple, and cemetery, the hall and dormitory, with a cellar and two chambers below them, three chambers with cellar, a kitchen, store-room and brewhouse, two granaries, a barn, a kiln, two stables, a cow-house, sheep-house, two pig-styes and other buildings, two haggards, a garden, two orchards and six acres of pasture; also, the manor of Grace Dieu, thirty-three cottages, thirty-three gardens, two dove houses, 290A. arable, 20A. meadow, and 20A. pasture, a horse mill, and a water mill with the mill-race, 140A. in Dunganstown held under the Archbishop of Dublin, 7A. in Brownstown, 90A. in Irishtown, 58A. in Crumlin, 240A. in Wimbleton, 100A. in Dowlagh, 30A. called Francum's land in Swords, 106A. in Lusk, and a flaggon of ale out of every brewing for sale in Lusk. The following rectories were likewise appropriated to this house,—Grace Dieu, Portrane with a messuage and eighteen acres belonging to the rectory, Lambay waste, a portion of tithes in the parish of Lusk, Westpalstown, Ballymadun, Newcastle-MacKinegan, and Killadreny, with the advowson of the vicarage and the rectory of Tobber.

In 1538 Archbishop Browne writes to Lord Cromwell in reference to this house, “Whereas I wrote unto your Lordship for the obtainment of a very poor house of Friars named the New Abbey, an house of the obstinates' religion, which lay very commodious for me by Ballymore, to repair unto in times of need, I am clean dispatched of any pleasures there, and the profit thereof given to an Irishman, so that I am counted an unworthy person. Wherefore to you, my special good Lord, I make my moan, hav-

ing no other refuge, beseeching your Lordship, that if the Abbey of Grace Dieu be suppressed, that I may have it in farm, for it lieth even within the midst of my lands; yea, and also I am founder of the same, and rather than I would lack it, would give the King's Highness yearly ten pounds above any other, or else make permutation with his Grace for other lands of mine about Ballymore, which be more for his Highness, and amongst his Majesty's lands there lying, whose Majesty might so defend them, that it would amount far above the extents of the lands of Grace Dieu, as knoweth the Blessed Trinity, who have your good honourable Lordship in his most safe tuition."

In the following year, however, when the suppression of monasteries in Ireland was resolved upon, the Lord Deputy and Council interposed "for the common weal of said land," praying that six houses should continue, "changing their clothing and rule in such sort and order as the King's Grace should will them." The nunnery, which is the present subject of consideration, was one of these; the other five being St. Mary's Abbey, Christ Church, Connal, Kenlis, and Jerpoint. "For," as they represented, "in those houses commonly and other such like, the King's Deputy and all other his Grace's Council and officers, also, Irishmen and others, resorting to the King's Deputy in their quarters, is, and hath been, most commonly lodged at the costs of the said houses; also in them, young men and children, and other both of mankind and womankind, be brought up in virtue, learning, and in the English tongue and behaviour, to the great charges of the said houses, that is to say, the womankind of the whole Englishry of this land for the more part in the said nunnery, and the mankind in the other said houses. And, in the said house of St. Mary's Abbey, hath been the common resort of all such of reputation as hath repaired hither out of England. And in Christ Church Parliaments, Counsels, and the common resort in term time for definitions of all matters by judges and learned men, is for the most part used. Also at every hosting, rode, and journey, the said houses, on their proper costs, findeth as many men-of-war according the rate of the king's wages as they now standing do find and hath found, over and beside the yearly payment both

of subsidy, also, the twentieth part of their small revenue, with, also, their first fruits at every change of their head rulers.”\*

Notwithstanding this influential memorial, the nunnery, with all its possessions in the Counties of Dublin, Meath, Kildare, Louth, and elsewhere, was surrendered in the same year by Alison White, its last prioress, who had thereupon a pension of £6 per annum granted to her, charged upon Grace Dieu, Lusk, Dunganstown, Irishtown, and the churches of Portrane, Westpalstown, and Ballymadun, and the house being thereupon suppressed, its site was granted to Sir Patrick Barnewall, who immediately after made it his residence, as appears by his correspondence yet extant; and especially by one letter dated at Grace Dieu the 19th of May, 1540, written to Lord Essex, and displaying many good qualities of head and heart. It particularly contains this short pithy comment in reference to the government of this country: “To reduce this land to order, my poor advice shall be, that your good Lordship shall be the mean that the King’s Highness shall so provide and order, that his Grace’s Deputy of this his Majesty’s land for the time being, shall be faithful, sure, and constant in his promises, and in especial in any concluding of peace; and that he shall be such a person, that shall have more regard to his own honour and promise, than to any covetous desire of praise or booties of cattle; and that he shall make no wilful war, and when war is made upon a good ground, that the same be followed till a perfect conclusion thereof be taken, and not left at large, nor yet to take a feint peace; and that the said Deputy shall not be, in weighty matters, counselled nor guided by such persons, as be openly known to be ill doers in their ill doings against the King’s Majesty and his Grace’s subjects in time past, for the same hath and may hinder.”\*

For a notice of Grace Dieu in 1548 see at “Lusk;” and of its tithes in 1609 see at “Clondalkin.”

In 1615 Sir John King, as assignee of George Blundell, passed patent for the site and circuit of the chapel of St. Macvidogh, the cemetery, a parcel of land lying round the said chapel enclosed with a ditch, containing eight acres, called St. Macvidogh’s-lands, parcel of the estate of the monastery of Grace Dieu, also for 40a.

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\* State Papers, temp. Hen. VIII.

† Ib.

in Westpalstown near Newcastle, parcel of the estate of the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, a watermill in "the king's" Mil-town, and the land called Windmill land, containing 40A.—For a further notice in 1615, see at "Portrane," and for another in 1617, at "Crumlin."

About the year 1666 the name of Peter Sherlog of Grace Dieu, appears among the distinguished signatures to the Roman Catholic Remonstrance. In 1685 Lord Kingsland passed patent for (*inter alia*) the town and lands of Grace Dieu, with the tithes thereof, the right to which still continues in the Lord of Trimblestown.

In 1697 the Rev. Mr. Whitehead, a monk, was returned as the officiating Catholic clergyman here.

In a field, at a short distance from the ruins, on the direction to Brownstown, is a small, sharply-conical moat, evidently once an ornament of the nunnery garden. From its base a very remarkable ancient narrow causeway leads into Swords, and restores the tourist to the city. It was paved with a reddish stone, and presents some curious small, yet singularly elevated arches of bridges over the intervening rivulets. Some of the noble stock of apple-trees, which grew in the convent orchards beside it, are still represented in the soil, but now degraded into "crab-tree staves." Viewing them in their emblematical degeneracy, (yet covered with a bloom of the most delicate rose colour,) and inhaling the reverence of the traditions that in a manner consecrate every pace of the above old avenue, it was impossible to exclude the wish, that no unhallowed presentment of justices or cess-payers may ever presume to render doubtful the identity of this "Via sacra."

## FINGAL.

Almost all the localities enumerated in the three foregoing Excursions were included in the ancient district of Fingal, and, when it is remembered that, as stated in the "General History" of this county, its northern section was styled Almain, and that the Finian Tales call the residence of Fion mac Comhal (Fingal) Almhuin, the Albin of Macpherson, the coincidence is so strong as to justify some enthusiasm in believing their identity, although more received opinions, it must be admitted, refer Almhuin to the hill of Allen in the present county of Kildare. Certes there is something in the sound that knocks at the heart, associated as it is with all the beautiful impositions of Macpherson.

It is of more certain history, that in 836 the Ostmen entered the Liffey with a fleet of sixty sail, possessed themselves of Dublin for the first time, and soon extended their conquests over Fingal. They were, however, soon afterwards driven out of Dublin, and Turgesius, their principal commander, being slain in 845, the greatest part of their forces was expelled from the country. In 851, however, they again landed on the eastern coast, and possessed themselves of Dublin and much of the district at present under consideration, while at the close of this century an important revolution in Norway led to a new settlement here, which, according to the more approved opinion, gave it the name of Fingal. About the year 880 the celebrated Harold Harfager established himself as the first King of all Norway, after bringing into subjection a number of the petty kings of that country. Many of the most violent of Harold's opponents sought to escape his vengeance by leaving their native land, and establishing themselves in the Scottish isles. The emigration, however, did not terminate there, but proceeding to the Irish coast a shoal of the colony settled without opposition from their predecessors in the rich expanse of the district, thenceforth known as the territory of the Fion-Gael, or white foreigners as they were called, to distinguish them from the Dubh-Gael, or black foreigners, as the Danes were termed, from a corresponding diversity of colour, it is supposed, in the clothing of both people, or in the sails of their vessels.

In 972 this tract was devastated by the most illustrious of the O'Melaghlin race, who, at the same time, restored to liberty all his countrymen who had been kept in slavery amongst the settlers. In 1013 it was again subjected to the visitation of the same war-like chieftain, until Sitric, King of Dublin, and his "royal Danes," sorely avenged the invasion.

In 1083 O'Loughlen laid waste Fingal even to the gates of Dublin. In 1131 it was similarly despoiled by Donald O'Melaghlin, and in two years afterwards Donogh O'Carroll, having led his forces against the Danes that still occupied Dublin, obtained a signal victory over them in Fingal. In 1162 Murtogh O'Loughlen led an army to Dublin with the same expectation, but the Danes declined giving battle, and, after devastating this district, he returned to his own country.

In 1172 Dermot Mac Murrough burned and wasted this district, when "the citizens of Dublin," says Holinshed, "seeing and considering the same began to quail, and their hearts fainted, and they did seek and intreat for peace, and having obtained the same, did swear fealty, and gave in hostages for the true and firm keeping of the same."

In 1184 Prince John gave half the tithes of Fingal to the see of Dublin, which grant was confirmed in 1337 by King Edward, and in 1395 by King Richard when in Dublin. Henry the Second conferred this territory upon Hugh de Lacy, and in 1209 King John confirmed to said Hugh, his estates and fees "in Fingal and the Vale of Dublin," to hold to him and his heirs for ever at the service of seven knights.\*

In 1217 the Bissets were seised of two carucates of land in Fingal, and in a short time afterwards Raymond le Banks granted the tithes of his lands in Fingal to the canons of Christ Church.†

During the reign of Richard the Second it was the scene of action of a noted marauder of the Robin Hood order, named Mac Guddy, who afterwards suffered the extreme penalty of the law at Trim.‡

In the immediately subsequent reigns, the inhabitants of Fin-

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\* Roll. in Tower Lond. 9 John.

† Liber Niger.

‡ Rot. Claus. 51 Edw. III. in Canc. Hib.

gal were, like those of the other vicinities of Dublin, obliged to purchase security for their persons and properties, by paying black maile to some leader of the Irishry, who harassed the Pale, and, descending from the mountains at night, used to carry off whole flocks and herds, while the creeks and rivers of this rich district, then the granary of the metropolis, offered no less facility than temptation to the pirates of the sea.

- In 1534 Lord Thomas Fitz-Gerald laid waste the whole territory of Fingal; and in 1641 it was covered with the northern insurgents to the number of 20,000 men. The lords and gentry of the Pale, unable to resist so vast a body that were entire masters of the field, kept themselves quiet in their own houses, not thinking it prudent, by a weak and fruitless opposition, to provoke an enemy that could destroy them in a moment.\*

- It but remains to say, that this denomination gives title of Earl to the noble family of Plunkett, and that its inhabitants are still classed as of features, voice and manners distinct from other peasants of Leinster. Those residing on the sea side are expert and industrious fishers, those more inland laborious farmers. It may be also added, that a society has been established in this district, called the Fingal Farming Society, who offer yearly premiums for the best breed of cattle, the finest samples of grain, the most skilful ploughmen, the most productive spinners, and the owners of the cleanest cottages. It would be well for Ireland if such institutions were increased, judiciously directed, scientifically conducted, and cemented with those feelings of mutual benevolence which their object could not fail to inspire.

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\* Carte's Ormond, vol. i. f. 243.



## THE FOURTH EXCURSION

Follows the magnificent line of quays that confine the Liffey, traversing

### OXMANTOWN,

a locality so called from very ancient times, as having been appropriated for the Danes or Ostmen, to a saint of which nation, St. Michan, its parochial church was dedicated. This place gives the title of Baron to the family of Parsons.

The green, which extends to a considerable distance in this vicinity, is thus spoken of by Hanmer: "The fair-green or common, now called Ostmantown Green, was all wood, and he, that diggeth at this day to any depth, shall find the ground full of great roots. From thence in A. D. 1098 King William Rufus, by license of Murchard, had that frame which made up the roof of Westminster Hall; where," adds the Doctor, "no English spider webbeth or breedeth to this day."

In 1189, on the breaking up of Robin Hood's company, his great companion, little John, is said to have exhibited his feats of archery on this green, until, having been detected in a robbery, he was hanged on the eminence now called Arbour Hill.

In 1220 Philip de Norwich granted all his land in Ostmantown to the monastery of the Holy Trinity.

In 1493 a serious riot occurred on the green, in which several citizens of rank were slain; whereupon the Mayor of Dublin, John Serjeant, probably for not using due diligence in quelling the riot,

was committed to ward in the Castle, and Richard Arland elected Mayor until the Michaelmas following.

Holinshed writes of this place in his time, "In the further end of Ostmantown Green there is a hole or labyrinth reaching two large miles under the earth, in old times frequented by a notorious thief called Scaldbrother, and therein he would hide all the bag and baggage that he could pilfer. He was so swift of foot that he outran all pursuit, and now and then, in derision of such as chased him, he would take his course directly under the gallows which standeth very nigh his cave, a fit sign for such an inn, and, being shrouded within his lodge, he reckoned himself secure, none being hardy enough to follow him into so intricate a maze; but, as the pitcher that goeth often to the water cometh at length home broken, so was this lusty youth in time intercepted, having upon his apprehension no more wrong done him, than that he was not sooner hanged on that gallows, through which in his youth and jollity he was wont to run." For a notice of Ostmantown in 1545, see at "Howth."

At the close of this century, Doctor Dermot Hurley, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cashel, suffered death on this green for his religious opinions. Although the judges, to whom his case had been referred, solemnly decided "that he was only an offender against English statutes, and that, while on the one hand, he could not be sent into England against his will, to be there subjected to them, neither on the other could he be tried under them in this country, which had its own parliament and laws.

In 1649 Colonel Jones, the parliamentary leader, drew out his cavalry on Ostmantown Green to oppose the Marquis of Ormond, then stationed at Castleknock, and threatening to assault the city.

In 1669 a considerable portion of this green was granted by the Corporation of Dublin to the use of the Blue Coat Hospital, "for the sustentation and relief of poor children, aged, maimed, and impotent people inhabiting or residing in the said city of Dublin." In 1671 Colonel Coote bequeathed £100 for the use of this hospital, to be as a stock, for the relief and maintenance of the poor thereof; and in 1702 the Lords Justices strongly recommended her Majesty to increase its revenues. In the same

year Michael Boyle, Archbishop of Armagh, died at Oxmantown at the advanced age of ninety-three, and was buried on the following night in the Earl of Cork's tomb, in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

In 1712 Doctor Pooley, Bishop of Raphoe, bequeathed two houses, built by him in Smithfield, to the Governors of the Blue Coat Hospital and their successors for ever, in trust, to pay yearly out of the profits thereof £20 towards its support, £10 to the poor of St. Michan's parish, £5 to the poor of St. Paul's, and £5 to the poor of St. Mary's; all those legacies to rise or fall as the rents of the houses demised should increase or lessen. About the same time Doctor King, Archbishop of Dublin, gave £500 to this establishment, as did Doctor Stearne £400 in 1742, and Lady Middleton £1000 in 1747.

In 1729, while the houses of parliament were building, the Lords and Commons sat in the Blue Coat Hospital, on which occasion a memorable attempt was made to obtain the supplies for twenty-one years by one vote, which, had it succeeded, would have rendered their meeting unlikely for that whole period; yet, such was the prevalence of corruption, that the attempt was defeated but by a majority of one.

In 1757 the celebrated Whitfield attempted to preach on Oxmantown Green, but was driven from the spot by the missiles of the populace.

About the year 1779 the present noble range of buildings for the aforesaid hospital, was completed at an expense of £21,294. It consists of a centre and wings extending 300 feet, and connected with each other in the rear by subordinate buildings, of which the lower part is screened from the eye by handsome circular walls in front, ornamented with niches, balustrades, and urns. Its permanent income in 1810 was calculated as £3983 18s. 3d. besides the advantage of exhibitions of private gift in Trinity College.

On the eastern skirt of this denomination, but wholly within it, stood that splendid Dominican monastery, on whose site the present Equity and Law

courts have been erected; its beautiful gardens fronted the whole line of the river, and the ships came up to its steps.

It was originally founded for Cistercians, and made filial to St. Mary's abbey about the year 1202, by William Marshal, Earl of Pembroke, for the health of his soul and that of his wife, and was dedicated to the Blessed Saviour. On the arrival of the Dominicans in Ireland in 1224, the Cistercians gave it up for their accommodation.

The religious order of the Dominicans takes its name from Dominic de Guzman, a Spaniard of Old Castile, who was born in the year 1170. He laid the first foundation of his order in Languedoc, which was approved of by Pope Innocent the Third in 1215, and confirmed in the following year by a Bull of Pope Honorius the Third, under the title of St. Augustine, to whose rule it was submitted. To this, however, St. Dominic afterwards added several austere precepts and observances, obliging the brethren to take a vow of absolute poverty, and to abandon entirely all their revenues and possessions. Shortly before his death he sent twelve of the order into England, where, in 1221, they founded their first monastery at Oxford, and soon afterwards another in London. From this order have been selected three Popes, upwards of sixty Cardinals, several Patriarchs, a hundred and fifty Archbishops, and about eight hundred Bishops. At the time of the dissolution, they had forty-one religious houses in Ireland.

In 1281 two general chapters of the Dominican order were held here, and another in 1296. In 1304 the ancient edifice perished in a conflagration that consumed a great portion of the city, it was, however, immediately afterwards rebuilt by Sir Eustace Poer. In 1308 the celebrated mayor, Decer, as mentioned before at "Ballybough," was a great benefactor to this establishment, and in 1313 another chapter of the order was held here.

In 1316, when Edward Bruce encamped at Castleknock, and meditated an attack on the city, Robert Nottingham, then Mayor of Dublin, caused this monastery and all its buildings to be levelled with the ground. The materials were employed in erecting St. Audeon's arch, a fortified gate at Winctavern-street, and a consi-

derable line of wall; in consequence of which Bruce abandoned the siege and retired to Munster, whereupon King Edward the Second commanded the citizens to rebuild this monastery.

In 1329 Lord Thomas de Butler, ancestor of the Barons of Dunboyne, having fallen in battle against the Mac Geoghegans, was interred with great honours in this church; and in 1332 Lord William de Bermingham, who was publicly executed by the order of Sir Anthony Lucy, the Lord Justice, was also buried in this church.

In 1355 Maurice, the first Earl of Desmond, having died in Dublin, his body was for some time deposited in the choir of this church, previous to its removal to the religious establishment of the same order, which his ancestor had founded in Tralee; and in 1416 Thomas Talbot, the son of the celebrated Lord Furnival, was buried here.

In 1428 the monks of this house had a most extensive seminary for teaching philosophy and theology, situated on the spot now called Usher's-island, in consequence of which they erected that very ancient bridge, the Old Bridge, extant within the memory of many; on its first erection, the monks laid a certain toll upon all passing it, which a lay-brother of the order collected.

In 1506 Doctor Payne, one of the order, Bishop of Meath and Master of the Rolls, was buried in this church. On the dissolution this church was converted into Inns of Court for students of the law, and hence called the King's Inns. The memorial of the judges and law officers of Ireland to the Privy Council in England for this appropriation is worthy of insertion:—

“ Our humble duties remembered to your most discreet wisdoms, please it the same to be advertised, that whereas we our sovereign lord the King's Majesty's Judges and learned Council of this realm of Ireland, and others learned in his Highness' laws, and such as had preceded us in our rooms before this time, hath been severed in term-time in several merchants' houses within the city of Dublin at board and lodging, so that, whensoever any thing was to be done by the said Judges and Council, and others learned for the setting forth of our said Sovereign Lord's causes and other to our charges committed, time was lost or we could assemble ourselves together to consult upon every such thing; therefore we,

principally considering our humble and bounden duties unto our said Sovereign Lord, the commonwealth of this realm, and also the bringing up of gentlemen's sons within this realm in the English tongue, habit, and manners, thought it meet to be in one house together at board and lodging in term-time for the causes aforesaid. And, for the same intent and purpose, we took the late suppressed house of Black Friars in the south barbs of the said city, and kept commons there this last two years termly. And, considering our said true and faithful unfeigned purpose in our judgments and understanding to be both to the honour and profit of our said Sovereign Lord, that we may have the said house and the lands thereunto belonging, which is surveyed at the yearly value of eleven marks sterling or thereabout, which is not able to maintain the continual reparations thereof, after such like sort and fashion as shall please his Majesty to depart withal unto us, and to name the said house as the same shall be thought good by his Majesty, for we do call the same now the King's Inn. And, for the further declaration of our minds in this behalf, it may please your discreet wisdom to give credence to Master Dowdall, bearer hereof, who can relate the same at large, and thus we commit your discreet wisdoms to the tuition of God, with continual encrease of honour.—From the King's City of Dublin, 29th August, 1541.

Signed,

Gerald Aylmer, Justice.	Patrick Barnewall, King's Serjeant.
Thomas Luttrell, Justice.	Walter Kerdiff, Justice.
James Bathe, Baron.	Patrick White, Baron.
Thomas Howth, Justice.	Robert Dillon, King's Attorney."

This petition was so far favoured, that a lease was thereupon made of the site of said monastery to John Alen, Chancellor, Sir Gerald Aylmer, Chief Justice, Luttrell, White, and others, professors of the law, for twenty-one years.

In 1542 the Lord Deputy and Council urged that this lease should be enlarged into a grant in fee, a recommendation which afterwards took effect, and in 1582 the law courts were opened here by order of the Queen.

In 1662 the Court of Claims, on the forfeitures of 1641, was held here, as was the Court of Grace in 1683.

In 1685 the Dominicans were restored to the possession of this their ancient establishment, and here King James held the memorable parliament of 1689, the monks having passed over the river to an ancient chapel in Cook-street, subsequently the parish chapel of St. Audeon's.

In 1695 the Four Courts were transferred hence to Christ Church-lane, and the buildings here applied again as Inns of Court for law students, and also as the depository for the public rolls. In 1786 the building of the present Courts and the splendid offices attached was commenced, and finished in 1796, at an expense of about £200,000.

Passing hence at the foot of Arbour Hill, by the Royal Barracks, and over the site of that vilest of streets to which they gave name, once the Suburra of Dublin, and leaving a very handsome bridge, called the King's Bridge, recently erected over the Liffey, at left, the tourist reaches the grand entrance into that most interesting locality, the Phoenix Park, and is there introduced into

#### THE BARONY OF CASTLEKNOCK.

This inland barony is bounded on the north by those of Coolock and Nethercross, on the south by that of Newcastle, on the west by the county of Meath, and on the east by the city of Dublin. It has been assessed to the ancient subsidies, and more modern grand jury presentments, as containing seven parishes, subdivided into seventy-four townlands, and extending over 12,001 acres, of which 112 were stated as unprofitable. Limestone is the substratum of the whole soil. The parishes assigned to it on the Survey and

Valuation of 1824, were Kilsallaghan, Ward, Cloghran near Hiddart, Mullaghiddart, Clonsillagh, Chapelizod, and Castleknock.

The quantity of land forfeited in 1641, in this barony, was returned as 3344 acres.

#### THE PHENIX PARK,

a beautiful tract of ground, lies principally within the aforesaid barony, and partly in that of Newcastle, comprising a space nearly equal to that covered by the metropolis, calculated as 1760 English acres, within a circumference of about seven English miles. It will be seen from its annals, that the stone wall which now bounds it at the southern side, has very considerably contracted its ancient line of extent, which not only included the high road and the intermediate grounds north of the river, but likewise a large tract on the southern bank, in which was comprehended the site and demesne of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, at Kilmainham. Out of the above 1760 acres, 1360 are open to the public, the remainder being enclosed:—209 for the Lord Lieutenant; seventy-one for the Chief Secretary, as Bailiff of the Park; fifty-two for the Under Secretary, as its Keeper; nine and a half for the Trigonometrical Survey establishment; 5A. 3R. 19P. for the Zoological Gardens; 40A. for the Military School; seven and a half for the Royal Infirmary; three and a half for the Magazine fort; and a small patch for a



cottage, once appropriated to the Master of the Ceremonies.

Throughout its extent, this park presents as great a variety of surface and scenery as perhaps any other in Europe; the most agreeable undulations of hill and vale, diversified with wood and water, miniature lakes, romantic glens, retired walks, furzy glades; "hawthorn groves, and alleys green." Its prospects also, from various points, are eminently beautiful; especially those from the terrace road, that overhangs the windings of the Liffey, and commands the rich southern district of city and country, terminated by the soft blue perspective of the Dublin mountains! "This, the Prater of Dublin," admits Prince Puckler Muskaw, in the words of his translator, "in no respect yields to that of Vienna, whether we regard its expanse of beautiful turf for riding, long avenues for driving, or shady walks."

At right, on entering, appears the Royal Infirmary, or Soldier's Hospital, exhibiting a handsome front, composed of a centre, surmounted by a cupola, with a clock, and two returning wings, each ninety feet in depth, all covering the summit of a steeply slanting eminence, and commanding enchanting views. The first stone of this building was laid in the presence of the Duke of Rutland, in 1786, and, being completed in 1788 at an expense of £9000, was visited and approved of by the celebrated philanthropist, Howard. The wards, thirteen in number, are distinguished as medical and surgical, separated by the hall, which occupies the centre of the building,

and at present serves for a chapel. The new fever hospital stands in rear of the infirmary, perfectly detached, and on a sufficiently airy site. A plot of forfeited ground, adjoining the park, and including the platform on which the building stands, has been walled in, and is allotted to the use of the convalescents. It slants, as before mentioned, rapidly to a valley, through which flows a lively stream, margined by a gravelled walk. In a distant angle of this plot some of the officers of the house have small gardens ; and here is a range of buildings, containing the laundry, the prison wards for sick deserters, lunatic cells, medical board stores, with the charnel, or dead-house. This plot was formerly let to Dr. John Nicholls, at an annual rent of £3, and as much ice as should be demanded of him for the use of the successive Lords Lieutenant. The Physician-General visits the infirmary daily, and the Surgeon-General and Staff-Surgeon alternately. There is also an apothecary, and a resident surgeon, and other domestic officers. A Board of Commissioners, appointed *ex-officio*, and consisting of the Commander of the Forces, Lieutenants General, Majors General, Adjutants General, Muster Master General, Deputy Vice-Treasurer, Surveyor-General, Physician-General, Surgeon-General, and the Director-General of the Military Hospitals, for the time being, manage the concern, while the expense of the establishment is defrayed, partly by parliamentary grants, and partly by deductions from the pay of the patients while in the hospital.

A broad, straight, magnificent avenue, planted

upwards of a century since, in formal clumps, leads hence direct to the Phoenix ; but a more attractive road overhangs the highway to Chapelizod, and the windings of the Liffey, with a succession of noble hospitals seen beyond it—Swift's, Steevens's, and the Royal, the village of Kilmainham, and its thriving factories and mills, the Dublin mountains bounding the distant horizon.

The Wellington testimonial next engages attention—an ill-proportioned structure, of plain unornamented mountain granite. On the summit platform of a flight of steep steps, a simple square pedestal is erected, designed to present pannels at the sides, commemorating the Duke's achievements, but they have never been put up. In front of this pedestal is a much smaller pediment, resting partly on the steps, and partly on the main platform, and which was intended to support an equestrian statue of his Grace, also unaccomplished. From the main platform a massive obelisk rises truncated, and of thick and heavy proportions. On its four facades are inscribed the names of all the victories gained by the Duke, from his first career in India to the battle of Waterloo. Its total height is 205 feet. The site, forming the highest ground in the park, is that formerly occupied by the Salute battery, and was given by the Board of Ordnance to the Wellington Committee, with a view to the erection of this trophy. A square, dry ditch, fronted with stone, surrounds the whole.

At the rear of the testimonial, on a fine elevation, stands another fort, in a polygon form, and of consi-

derable extent. This, as partly the work of the Duke of Wharton, when Lord Lientenant, has been sometimes called "Wharton's Folly." That eccentric viceroy is said to have intended it as a retreat from the disturbances he apprehended in Dublin, in consequence of an attack made upon King William's statue, in College-green, shortly after his arrival; but his fears proving groundless, the design was never completed. It has demi-bastions at the angles, a dry ditch, and draw-bridge; and in the centre are magazines for powder and ammunition, erected in 1735, on the site of the old manor-house of Fionuiske. They are well secured against accidental fire, and bomb-proof, in evidence of which no casualty has happened since their construction. The fort occupies two acres and thirty-three perches of ground, and is fortified by ten twenty-four pounders. As a further security, and to contain barracks for troops, which before were drawn from Chapelizod, an additional triangular work was constructed in 1801. The powder magazine furnished occasion for one of the last poetic sallies of Dean Swift, who, in the lucid intervals of his latter days, was taken out by order of the physicians for the benefit of air. On one of these occasions the Dean, for the first time observing this edifice, inquired its object, when Doctor Kingsbury, who was then with him, replied that it was a magazine for arms and powder, for the defence of the city. Oh, said the Dean, let me note that, when drawing out his tablets he wrote—

“ Behold a proof of Irish sense,  
Here Irish wit is seen,  
When nothing's left that's worth defence,  
We build a magazine.”

The fifteen acres (as an open level plain beyond this, and opposite the Viceregal Lodge, is termed,) being divested of trees, is used for reviews and exercising the troops in garrison, and was formerly, what Chalk-farm has been in relation to London, the arena where the irritations of inebriety and false honour were cooled in human blood.

Near this, at the south-western angle of the park, stands the Hibernian School, incorporated in 1769 for maintaining, educating, and apprenticing the orphans and children of soldiers in Ireland. In 1808 its trustees obtained a new charter, by which they were empowered to place in the regular army, as private soldiers, in such corps as from time to time his Majesty shall be pleased to appoint, but with their own free consent, the orphans and children of soldiers in Ireland. This school consists of a centre connected by subordinate buildings with wings, forming altogether a plain front of rubble stone, plastered and dashed on the exterior, the length of which is 300 feet; there are besides, a detached dining hall, infirmary, and chapel. The latter was built in 1773 of hewn stone, with a steeple adorned with a beautiful cupola, and is usually the place where the Vice-regal family, when resident at the Lodge, attend divine service. To this school a farm of about nineteen acres is attached, cultivated by a certain number of the

boys, with the assistance of a gardener and two labourers, and which, without requiring such a degree of attention from the scholars as to deprive them of other useful instruction, produces to the institution a profit of £500 annually. The female children are employed in knitting, sewing, and such works suitable to their sex, and both males and females, when of a proper age, are apprenticed to various trades, or as servants. The children admissible must be between the ages of seven and twelve, and the annual average expense of each is about fourteen pounds. The house is capable of accommodating 600 children, but the establishment is now limited to half of that number. The school is under the management of a committee. Its annual permanent income is £1010, and it has been such a parliamentary favourite in old times, as to have obtained grants to the total amount of £240,356 up to the year 1826.

The advantages, however, of this establishment, were wholly neutralized by the unchristian intolerance which influenced its details. Happily the time is at hand, when schools shall be established in Ireland on more charitable principles, to instruct its people in what they are most ignorant; when sufficiently endowed seminaries, with competent masters, shall be opened in every parish and province, to teach the peasant the benefits of industry and perseverance, the health of wholesome food, and temperate drink, the comforts of a warm and cleanly cottage, the self-respect of decent attire, the mutual advantages of honest habits and reciprocal benevolence, the capabilities and chemistry

of the soil, the improvement of long mismanaged farms, the cultivation of untenanted wastes, the draining of unwholesome fens and bogs, and the manufacturing of native produce; reading, writing, and arithmetic should necessarily accompany that course, and subjects, applicable to the circumstances and concerns of the auditors, be popularly expounded, but the literature of more refined states of society might be postponed with advantage, as certainly less required, and perhaps likely to suggest speculative contrasts, with a sense of new wants, that could not be gratified, until commerce and manufactures are naturalized in the general peace of the country.

The author of this work has elsewhere\* detailed, what revenues, intended for education throughout Ireland, are rendered of little avail by the diversion, misdirection, or wasteful management of the funds, all which, if vested in one Board, acting on a uniform system of benevolent and useful instruction, could be duly and proportionally distributed through the whole island, increased by small gratuity fees from the parents, according to the ages and courses of instruction of their children. In this county alone, £4601 have been ascertained as granted or bequeathed of private endowment for the education of its poor, while the National Board allocate upwards of £400 more for the same object. If this were so judiciously disbursed on schools, with competent masters, under proper local inspection, and that every landlord would inte-

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\* Evidence before the Committee of Education in 1835.

rest himself in the extension of their objects, and the due attendance of the children of his tenantry, an infinity of advantage might be effected for this long neglected country.

The next object of interest within the Park, after that which has induced the above digression, is the residence of the Chief Secretary, a handsome and commodious seat, between which and the Viceregal Lodge, in the centre of a circle planted with evergreens, where four great avenues meet, stands the Phœnix Pillar, erected by Lord Chesterfield in 1745, during his lieutenancy. Its height is thirty feet, including the Phœnix at the summit. The column is of Portland stone, of the Corinthian order, fluted and highly ornamented. On one side of the pedestal is the inscription :—

Civium oblectamento,  
Campum rudem et incultum  
Ornari jussit  
Philippus Stanhope,  
Comes de Chesterfield,  
Prorox.

On the opposite are the words :

Impensis suis posuit  
Philippus Stanhope, Comes  
De Chesterfield, Prorox.

The Phœnix is represented according to its fabulous history, in the centre of its funereal pile, and by the wafting of its outspread wings hastening the suicidal act, whereby its species is said to be perpetuated. It is somewhat singular, that this imaginary bird, from



which the Park is generally supposed to derive its appellation, and in allusion to which the column was undoubtedly erected, bears no relation to the manor, which in truth took its name Fion-uiske, i. e. clear or fair water, from the chalybeate spring, yet celebrated, and of which mention is made hereinafter.

The adjacent Viceregal Lodge was originally built by Mr. Clements, afterwards Lord Leitrim, from whom it was purchased. It was a plain structure of brick. In 1802 Lord Hardwicke made the first important improvement by adding the wings, in one of which is the great dining-hall. In 1808 the Duke of Richmond added the north portico—a structure of the Doric order, and the handsome lodges, by which the demesne is entered on the side of Dublin. But the most striking addition is the north front, added by Lord Whitworth. This is ornamented with a pediment, supported by four Ionic pillars of Portland stone, from a design of Johnson. The pleasure grounds attached are very extensive and highly improved, they contain two spacious and well-stocked fish-ponds, with some pretty rides through shrubberies and plantations. Round the south front of the Lodge are lofty limes and elms in picturesque groups, while the foreground and middle distance of the view from the Lodge and its pleasure-grounds, are occupied by a spacious area, broken and diversified by an undulating surface, and by a variety of luxuriant forest trees.

Near one of the entrance gates, a romantic piece of ground has been bestowed by the Irish govern-

ment for the object of Zoological gardens, and a more appropriate or beautiful situation could not have been selected, while the collection embraces specimens of the animal kingdom of great interest and instructive variety.

Contiguous to this, in a shady glen, is the chalybeate spring, the "Fion-uiske" before-mentioned. It remained in a rude and exposed state until the year 1800, when, in consequence of some analysis or actual sanative effect, it acquired celebrity, became much frequented, and was in about five years afterwards enclosed. The well is approached by a gradual descent, through a planted avenue, the spa itself being covered by a small structure of Portland stone. Behind the spring, under the brow of the hill, is a rustic dome with seats round it. The Hygeia of this fountain pays the annual rent of £6 for the privilege of being its distributor, but, it is to be feared she can only make the rent and conform the potion to the tastes of her visitors, by mixing it with strong and more inviting waters. Adjacent to the spa is a building, formerly used as an engine-house for supplying the Military Infirmary with water, that necessity having however ceased, the edifice is converted into a ranger's lodge.

It is said that in this Park, near Castleknock, are veins of lead and copper ore, and in several other places within it, veins of coal.

A great portion of the tract now included in this demesne belonged, from a very early period, to the Knights Templars, and subsequently to the Knights of St. John at Kilmainham. At the

dissolution it was surrendered to the king, and, though re-granted by Queen Mary to Sir Oswald Messingberde, then Prior of St. John's of Jerusalem in Ireland, was re-assumed to the crown shortly after her death, when Queen Elizabeth first conceived the idea of making it a Royal Park, a design, however, not fully executed until the reign of Charles the Second, as hereafter mentioned.

In 1653 General Fleetwood, while one of the Commissioners for the Government of Ireland under the parliament, resided in the "Phoenix House."

In 1658, on the death of Oliver Cromwell, the new Commissioners, dreading the abilities, popularity, and power of his son Henry Cromwell, then Chief Governor of Ireland, Sir Hardress Waller was employed to surprise the Castle of Dublin; he was, however, admitted without the slightest opposition, while Henry Cromwell retired to a house in this park, "called," says Ludlow,\* "the Phoenix, belonging to the Chief Governor of Ireland;" having administered the government with such disregard to his private interest, that he could not immediately command so much money as might defray the expenses of a voyage to England.

In 1662 the crown enlarged this park by purchasing part of the lands of Chapelized, containing 441a., from Sir Maurice Eustace, then Lord Chancellor, "to be laid into the lands of the manor house of the phoenix for a park." Immediately afterwards Sir Maurice Eustace further agreed to convey to the crown in fee the capital messuage, manor, mills, town, and lands of Chapelized and St. Laurence's land, which were also formerly part of the possessions of the Priory of St. John of Jerusalem. No enrolment of this conveyance can be found, but the will of Sir Maurice, bearing date 20th of June, 1665, recognises it, and the sale was confirmed by the Act of Settlement. By subsequent purchase the crown acquired 126a. of the lands of Grange Gorman from Colonel John Daniel, 16½a. of Upper Castleknock from William and John Warren of Corduff, 152a. of Ashtown in the parish of Castleknock from John Cunnel of Pelletstown, 28a. of Castleknock from Philip Hoare, 16a. of Kilmainham from Thomas Musgrave,

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\* Ludlow's Memoirs, p. 258.

30A. near Chapelizod from David Edwards, a meadow near Oxmantown from Robert Bower, besides other parcels from Thomas Boyd, Thomas Pooley, and Sir John Temple.

In 1671 the Phoenix and Newtown lands in the parish of Kilmainham, lying north of the Liffey, a portion of the park containing 467A. that had been possessed by Christopher Fagan of Feltrim, and Alderman Daniel Hutchinson, under a lease for sixty-one years, were purchased on the royal mandate for £3000, by the Duke of Ormonde in trust for his Majesty. Other purchases were made about the same time in the name of Sir John Temple, then Solicitor General, others in that of Sir Maurice Eustace, then Lord Chancellor, some in the name of the Duke of Ormonde, and more in the names of the principal officers of the crown, to the total amount of £40,361. Sir John Temple, however, having for the preservation of the deer built the wall that now encloses the park, extending from the barracks to Chapelizod, obtained, as a remuneration therefore, a grant of all the land from that wall to the river, and a sum of £200 out of the concordatum money. This wall was to be eight feet high from the foundation, and 527 perches in length; the expense of building which was then estimated at 3s. 9d. per perch. Lord Palmerston, the descendant of Sir John, also enjoys a right of grazing in the park in consideration of this work. For a further notice of the grant to Sir John Temple see at "Chapelizod" in 1675; in which latter year Lord Essex, writing to Mrs. Taylor, says, "the Duchess of Cleveland is to have £1000 per annum out of the undisposed lands, in compensation for the Phoenix Park, so as I would have you make another list of such a quantity of land for her Grace."

It is said that the pasturage rent of the park was usually granted to the successive Chief Governors of Ireland, but on search no such grant can be found, nor is any mention made of it in any of the commissions to the Chief Governors of this kingdom, nor in any of the grants of the officers of ranger, keeper, or bailiff. Yet there is good authority for saying, that a sum of £105 was annually paid for many years to the Chief Governors of the kingdom out of the produce of the pasturage of the park, until the Duke of Devonshire, who was Lord Lieutenant in 1737, relinquished it, and it has never since been demanded.

In the state papers of 1703 occur frequent entries of orders for presents to various persons, of bucks and deer from the Phoenix Park. In 1711 Charles Carter, gardener to Her Majesty's gardens in Dublin, petitioned for certain stone-work, as a wall to keep out the deer, for that "the Queen's garden at the Phoenix, having no fence but a slight ditch, the deer in the said park very frequently break in and spoil the said garden."

In 1715 the under-keeper of the Phoenix Park was allowed\*

For firing . . . . .	£13 14 6
The ranger of ditto, and the master of the game . . . . .	50 0 0
The bailiff of ditto, salary . . . . .	9 0 0
Gate-keeper, ditto . . . . .	17 18 0
Vicar of Castleknock, in lieu of his glebe and tithes of the Phoenix Park . . . . .	18 0 0
For further tithes thereof . . . . .	12 0 0

In 1741 the spot of ground, on which the Royal Infirmary has been since erected, was leased to John Nicholls, Esq. by the description of "the dog kennel and craggy piece of ground adjoining the wall of the Phoenix Park."

In 1751 Nathaniel Clements was appointed chief ranger and game-keeper of all his Majesty's parks, &c. in Ireland, and ranger of his Majesty's park the Phoenix, and keeper of the walk within said park called Newtown Park, in place of the Hon. Sir John Lewis Ligonier, Knight of the Bath, who had resigned. At this time only the carriages of persons of distinction were admitted here in the fawning season, on orders signed by the bailiff of the park or keys supplied.

In 1757 Charles Gardiner was appointed one of the keepers of this park, with the walk or lodge called Castleknock lodge, and all houses, gardens, firing, grazing, and appurtenances to said lodge belonging, with power to appoint a deputy; and in 1761 a similar grant of another of the keeperships of this park was made to Lord George Sackville.

On the augmentation of the allowance for the Chief Governors of Ireland in 1763, the pasturage rents, and the port corns, were no longer to be in the receipt of the Chief Governors, but to be

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\* Lord Somers's Tracts, vol. i. pp. 302, 3, 4.

collected by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Revenue like his other rents, and the Auditor General was directed to make out particulars of the said rents, and to put the same in charge, and make a return thereof for collection. But no rent for the pasturage of the park has been in fact ever since collected.

In 1775 Sir John Blaquiére had a grant of the office of bailiff of this park for a term of three lives, together with a lodge, thirty-five acres of ground, and liberty of grazing eighteen cows, six horses, and twenty sheep, with power to appoint a deputy, on which occasion a presentment was made against an encroachment here, on the ground that the citizens of Dublin were entitled by prescription to the easement of the sod for recreation, such prescription, however, was negatived by the evidence.

In 1782 Mr. Thomas Conolly, then a Privy Counsellor, moved in the House of Commons, after many eulogiums on Mr. Grattan, that on behalf of his Majesty, as a part of the intended grant to Mr. Grattan, "the Vice-regal Palace" in the Phoenix Park should be settled upon him and his heirs for ever, as a suitable residence for so meritorious a person. This effort to give a tinge of ministerial generosity, to the popular grant that was then passing through the house, was, however, very properly rejected.

On the 24th of October, 1787, the Duke of Rutland died suddenly in the Viceregal Lodge here, whereupon Lord Lifford, then Chancellor of Ireland, issued writs to the sheriffs of eleven counties, directing them to summon such of the King's Council, as inhabited within their bailiwick, to assemble in Dublin to elect a Lord Justice of Ireland, pursuant to the statute of the 33rd year of Henry the Eighth. Upon which the election did actually take place, and the vacancy in the government was so supplied until the 16th of December following, when the Marquis of Buckingham arrived with the king's appointment as viceroy. In the following year a camp was formed in this park by the direction of the Marquis of Buckingham, then Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and another in 1797 by order of Lord Camden.

In 1793 Sarah Countess of Westmoreland, consort of the then viceroy, died at the Viceregal Lodge of a miliary fever, and in 1821 King George the Fourth, during his sojourn in Ireland, made that place his constant residence, but held his Court at the Castle.

The botanist may observe in the Park, *salvia verbenaca*, wild clary ; *alchemilla vulgaris*, common lady's mantle ; *cynoglossum officinale*, common hound's tongue ; *arctium lappa*, common burdock ; *senecio viscosus*, fetid groundsel ; *neottia spiralis*, burnet saxifrage ; *pimpinella saxifraga*, great burnet saxifrage ; *anthemis arvensis*, gold chamomile, flowering in July and August.—In the glen, *pinguicula vulgaris*, common butterwort ; *ilex aquifolium*, holly ; *viola hirta*, hairy violet ; *fragaria vesca*, strawberry ; *potentilla fragariastrum*, barren strawberry ; *ajuga reptans*, common bugle ; *verbena officinalis*, vervain, a plant which Mr. Miller says is never found above a quarter of a mile from a house, whence the common people in England call it simpler's joy.—In the woods, *oxalis acetosella*, wood-sorrel ; *bugula vulgaris*, bugle ; *lychnis plumaria*, meadow pink.—On the dry banks, *euphrasia officinalis*, eye bright ; *tragopogon pratensis*, yellow goat's-beard ; *hieracium pilosella*, common mouse-ear hawkweed ; *crepis biennis*, rough hawk's-beard.

In the ponds and marshy places, *utricularia vulgaris*, greater bladderwort ; *alopecurus geniculatus*, flowering fox-tail grass, with its leaves floating over the water ; *juncus glaucus*, hard rush ; *polygonum amphibium*, amphibious persicaria ; *nasturtium amphibium*, amphibious nasturtium.—In the sandy pastures, old gravel and sand pits, *alchemilla arvensis*, parsley piert ; *meum fœniculum*, fennel ; *draba verna*, common whitlow grass, one of the earliest flowering plants we have ; *vicia lathyroides*, spring vetch ; li-

*num angustifolium*, narrow-leaved pale flax, flowering in July.—In the marshy glens, *lycopus Europæus*, gipsy-wort; *tormentilla reptans*, trailing tormentil; *pedicularis palustris*, tall red rattle; *hypericum androsæmum*, tutsan; *ægopodium podagraria*, herb gerard.—In the hedges and bushy places, *solanum dulcamara*, woody nightshade; *hypericum calicinum*, large flowered St. John's wort; *arum maculatum*, cuckoo pint.—Among the furze, *tormentilla officinalis*, common tormentil; *vicia cracca*, tufted vetch; and on the old walls, *polypodium vulgare*, common polypody; and *asplenium ruta muraria*, wall rye.

Adjoining the Park at its south-western side, is the town of

#### CHAPELIZOD.

At the left of the high road that enters this place from Dublin, on a meadow slanting to the river, are still traced the remains of the ancient building called the King's House, traditionally affirmed to be that which was purchased by Charles the Second from Sir Maurice Eustace, and in which King William passed the days of his sojourn hereafter-mentioned. An ancient turret close to the river marks the direction of the gardens formerly attached.

Chapelizod is very agreeably situated on the banks of the Liffey, which traverses much exquisite scenery in its meandering course, particularly from this place to Lucan. The number of houses in the town has been returned as eighty-five, its families as 162, and



its total population as 597; increased in the census of 1831 to 1632 persons. Cabins here, in consequence of the factory, are let at from £4 to £5 per annum without land.

The church is a plain structure devoid of ornament, much out of repair, and only interesting by the livery of decay with which it is invested, and the reminiscences of those who must, from the evidence of the annals of this locality, have frequented it. In it are two white marble monuments, one to Lieutenant Hodges of Hunsford place, County Kent, who died in 1792, the other to Mr. William Turner, in 1824. In the ill enclosed grave-yard are tombs to the Goodwins since 1713, the Honourable Mrs. Hutchinson who died in 1830, Mr. Bolger in 1807, Lieutenant Scully of the Fifeshire cavalry, Rev. Richard Dawson, incumbent of Lorum, County Carlow, in 1823, and to his family; General John Pratt who died in 1825, and to his wife Elizabeth, daughter of the celebrated General Vallancey, who died in 1798, and their parents and children; near which is that of Margaret Vallancey, died in 1789, Mr. Haliday of Arranquay in 1835, the Conollys of Chapelizod from 1779, and the Turners of the same place from 1771; Mrs. Warburton, daughter of the Rev. Edward Morres of Walthamstow in Essex, died in 1791; Sir Richard Wilcocks in 1834; on his tomb is the expressive distich:

“Praises on tombs are trifles idly spent,  
A man's good name is his own monument.”

Here are, likewise, tombs commemorative of the

Macklin and Broughton families; one to John Low of Bewdley in Worcestershire, died in 1638,—this tomb gives a full detail of his descendants; others to Richard Waller of Kimmage in 1817, Lieutenant Armstrong in 1789, Colonel Colville died in 1747, General Bettesworth, Joseph Hudson, Adjutant of the Royal Military School, who died in 1820, &c.

Near the church is an almost equally ruinous Roman Catholic chapel; and at the bridge a good school-house, attended by about eighty boys and fifty-eight girls. It is in connexion with the National Board, which gave £120 towards its erection, £30 for its outfit, and allows £16 annually for its maintenance. There is also a parochial school here, supported by private contributions, and the produce of charity sermons in the church. It is attended by about twenty-five girls and fifteen boys. This town has, likewise, the advantage of having a noble linen factory, established by Mr. Crosthwaite, and which, by the best attainable information, gives employment to from 400 to 500 manufacturing labourers; even children of twelve years of age can earn from 2*s.* 6*d.* to 3*s.* 9*d.* weekly in its works.

In a quarry near the town is a vein of pale brown stone eighteen to twenty inches in thickness, which is found useful in polishing silver and brass. Coal has been likewise supposed to abound in this neighbourhood, but all attempts to work it have hitherto failed, possibly from the defect of machinery and want of capital. There are, also, two mineral springs adjacent.

The parish, in which the chief part of Chapelizod is situated, bears the same name ; a portion, however, beyond the river is in that of Palmerstown, and in the barony of Newcastle. It has been united from a remote period with the curacies of Palmerstown and Ballyfermot, all in the deanery of Leixlip, and in the gift of the Archbishop of Dublin. In the Catholic arrangement it is in the union of Blanchardstown or Castleknock. It comprises 532A. 2R. 35P. in three townlands; half of this tract is included in the Phoenix Park; and Lord Palmerston is the chief proprietor of the remainder.

The name of Chapelizod is certainly very ancient, but, however delightful it would be to link a locality with the Hercules of the Britons, the hero of the Fairie Queen, the warlike Arthur,

“ Whose most renowned acts shall sounded be as long,  
As Britain's name is known, which spread themselves so wide  
As scarcely hath for fame left any room beside.”

Yet, in these searching days, it were presumptuous to draw upon the reader's credulity so far as to detail here the romantic story of King Arthur's round table and “la belle Isode,” the catastrophe of which would, in accordance with the Book of Howth, suggest the derivation of this place from the founding of fair Isod's chapel in the village in the year 519. They, who are interested in the inquiry, will find “confirmation strong” in the notes to Sir Tristram.

In 989 Brian Boroihme had his quarters near this on the memorable occasion, when he is recorded to have so effectively debarred the besieged citizens of Dublin from even the supplies of nature, that they were reduced to salt water for their only drink. At length in their grievous necessities they agreed to pay to the king, in addition to their ordinary tributes, an ounce of

gold from every chief dwelling-house in Dublin, to be paid yearly on every Christmas night.\*

Soon after the English invasion, Hugh de Lacy bestowed the lands of Chapelizod upon Hugh Tyrrel, which grant was afterwards confirmed by Henry the Second. Immediately on the establishment of the splendid hospital of Knights Templars at Kilmainham, the Tyrrel family granted Chapelizod to them with all liberties in wood, meadow, pasture, water, mills, fisheries, &c., and free from all secular exactions.

About the year 1200, Richard de la Field had a grant from King John of the lands of Chapelizod and Killsallaghan, which are recognised as the estate of his son Nicholas in 1224, during whose minority Thomas Fitz Adelm held these lands, rendering to the king 100 shillings annually at the Exchequer of Dublin.†

In 1228 the King granted the advowson of this church to the Prior of Kilmainham.

In 1268, as appears by a plea roll, the Bishop of Meath accounted in the Exchequer for £17 6s. 8d., the rent of this manor, with mills, fisheries, pleas, &c.

In 1308 the Prior of Kilmainham sued Richard Tyrrel for Chapelizod and five carucates of land in Kilmainham, as having been granted to the Priory by Hugh Tyrrel, the ancestor of Richard, and having established his right thereto, Richard was obliged to confirm the donation. In the following year, all the rights of the Templars here having, on the suppression of that order, vested in the crown, the king committed the same to the Prior of the Hospitallers, their successors at Kilmainham, to hold for fourteen years at the annual rent of thirty-five marks. For a notice in 1309, see at "Kilmainham."

In 1316 sundry questions were tried at law relative to the right of common of pasture, to which the tenants of Chapelizod claimed to be entitled on the king's demesnes, and in 1318 the king confirmed the title of friar Utlaugh and his successors for ever in the manor, weirs, fishery, &c. of Chapelizod, subject to the

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\* Annals of Tigernach.

† Rot. Claus. in Turr. Lond.

annual rent of forty marks, saving the right of presentation, subsequent to which occur various grants of annuities from the crown to Sir T. Barnewall, Thomas Talbot, Laurence Merbury, Walter de la Hoyde, &c. charged upon this fee farm rent.

In 1388 the family of de la Field, being still possessed of various lands and houses here, granted them to the vicar and his successors for ever. These premises lay partly near the church, partly near the mill, and a third part near the common bakehouse of the town.

In the Act of Resumption of 1468 there is a saving to the Prior of Kilmainham of his right in the manors of Chapelizod and Leixlip; yet it appears that in 1476 the king granted this lordship and all rights of presentation, wardships, marriages, reliefs, &c., "as having been vested in him by reason of the Act of Resumption," to Sir Thomas Daniel and his heirs male.

In 1538 the Prior of Kilmainham demised the great tithes of corn belonging to the church of Chapelizod with the altarages, together with various other tithes and lands at the annual rent of £3 6s. 8d., and in 1541 it was found on inquisition, that the hospital of Kilmainham was possessed of the rectory of Chapelizod, and the chapel of St. Lawrence at Ballyfermot, and the altarages, worth altogether £5 per annum.

In 1546 Sir William Wyse of Waterford was seised in tail male of a water-mill, a salmon-weir, and 172 acres in Chapelizod,\* which had been granted to him in 1524. In 1580 John Bathe left a ploughland here to support an hospital for four poor men at Balgriffin.

In 1596 John White of Dufferin in the county of Down, conveyed to trustees all his estates in Kilmainham and Chapelizod. In 1603 Sir Oliver Lambert, knight, had a grant of the rectory of Chapelizod with the altarages, and St. Laurence's chapel with the glebes and tithes of the same, &c., and in 1609 the above mentioned John White died seised of a house, an orchard, and sixteen acres in this town, which his heir afterwards sold to Henry Viscount Valentia and Dame Grizel his wife.

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

In 1610 John Bathe had a grant of thirty acres near Chapelizod, called the ploughland, as had Sir John Davis, then Attorney-General, of certain houses here, "one near the church stile, lately in the occupation of Richard Eustace," and two others with about ten acres of land and certain parks.\* In 1615 Sir Henry Power, Knight and Privy Councillor, passed patent, as assignee of Edmund Medhop, for the town and lands of Chapelizod, ten messuages, 200 acres, a water-mill and weir, excepting certain premises granted to Sir John Davis in 1611, certain houses and five acres and a half granted to the college in 1597, and excepting all other lands which should escheat to the crown after 1623, said last mentioned premises being these granted in 1524 to Sir William Wyse.

In 1671 Colonel Laurence obtained a grant of several houses, and about fifteen acres of the lands lying around Chapelizod, for a term of forty-one years, at the rent of £42 per annum, of which £30 was to be paid to the incumbent of Chapelizod for the time being, and the remaining £12 to be allocated towards the repair of the King's House at Chapelizod, and keeping up the gardens thereunto belonging. This Colonel Laurence was the author of a well-known pamphlet, published in 1682, and entitled, "The Interest of Ireland in its Trade and Wealth," and he took the above lease with the laudable design of establishing a manufacture of coarse woollen cloths and friezes, in the neighbourhood of the metropolis; the exportation of Irish wool having been then recently prohibited under the severest penalties. To effectuate this object, Laurence succeeded in bringing over several families from Brabant, Rochelle, the Isle of Ré, &c., for whom convenient lodgings were provided at Chapelizod, and the manufactures of linen, diaper, ticking, sail cloth, and cordage were brought to very great perfection there.

In 1675 a grant in fee was made to Sir John Temple, ancestor of the Lords Palmerston, of all the lands belonging to the crown in Chapelizod, not enclosed in the Park, nor included in the demise to Laurence, together with the mills and weirs of Chapelizod, and the privilege of grazing six horses yearly in the Phoenix

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

Park, as therein declared to have been always enjoyed by the tenant of said mills, at the yearly rent of £30, to be paid to the incumbent of Chapelizod and his successors for ever, and ten shillings to the crown.

A letter of the 30th of November, 1686, from the Earl of Clarendon to the Earl of Rochester, contains the following interesting reference to the present subject :—

“ I ought, some time since, to have sent to you an account of the buildings at Chapel-Izod, and the repairs about the castle. I now send you an abstract thereof, drawn up by Mr. Robinson, surveyor of his Majesty's buildings in this kingdom, from the 25th of March, 1685, to the 29th of September last, which is from the beginning of the building at Chapelizod. I beg you to procure the king's letter for the payment of the balance, being £626 8s., which is due to several workmen who are poor, and will be clamorous. I will presume to say that the building at Chapel-Izod is the cheapest that has been erected, and nothing has been laid out but what was of absolute necessity to make it habitable; many things have been done for convenience, and which are fixed to the freehold too, which I thought were not fit for the king to pay for, and, therefore, they are not placed to his account. Possibly, it may be thought the repairs of the castle are very great; I can only tell you, that, as it is the worst lodging a gentleman ever lay in, so it will cost more to keep it in repair than any other. Never comes a shower of rain but it breaks into the house, so that there is perpetual tiling and glazing, but I do assure you, not so much as a chimney, or any thing done new, upon the king's account. My Lord Tyrconnel was pleased to tell me, in a style something extraordinary, that he wondered I had not laid out a thousand pounds or two to make a good lodging at least, which he would have done. I told him I would never lay out the king's money without his orders. His lordship might do what he pleased when he had it in his power; I know very well how he discoursed of it abroad, which I will not now mention, and thank God it does me no harm; I am sure I have not managed ill for the king, which is a great ease to my mind.—God keep you!”

In 1690 General Douglas, on his way to Athlone, encamped for one night near Chapelizod, where his party committed various

outrages, and soon afterwards, King William passed several days here, on his return from his expedition towards the south, after the battle of the Boyne. During this interval "he was employed," says Leland, "in receiving petitions and redressing grievances, arising from the perpetual violations of his protections." It was on this occasion also he issued a proclamation, "for all the Irish in the country to deliver up their arms, and those who refused or neglected, to be abandoned to the discretion of the soldiers;" also, another proclamation for a general fast to be kept every Friday during the war, as a propitiation for the success of his cause. Here likewise that monarch received the gratifying despatches, informing him that the French fleet had retired from England, satisfied with the destruction of the inconsiderable village of Tinmouth.

In 1696 Lord Capel, Lord Deputy of Ireland, died here after an illness, during which some interesting meetings of the Irish Council took place here. For a notice in 1697, see "Ballyfermot."

In 1700 Sir John and Lady Temple claimed and were allowed a reversion in fee of a term for ninety-nine years in a house and garden here, and in lands lying between Dublin and Island-bridge, as granted to them by letters patent of 1675.

In 1726 Primate Boulter, while he filled the office of one of the Lords Justices, repaired the king's house here, and occupied it as his principal dwelling.

In 1740 Doctor Stone was consecrated Bishop of Ossory in the church of Chapelizod, by his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, assisted by the Bishops of Meath and Derry, while in 1760 the king's house was converted into a barrack, and in 1832 was sold to Mr. Lawler, together with about ten acres of ground adjacent. For a notice referrible to the fishery here, see at the "Liffey" in 1786.

In 1819 a dispensary was established here for the united parishes.

Near the river, in this vicinity, the botanist will find, *erysimum alliaria*, Jack by the hedge; *convolvulus major*, great bind weed, clambering up the



shrubs and overtopping them with its bell flowers ; *genista spinosa vulgaris*, furze, a good fuel for ovens: the tops being chopped or mixed with straw, or a small proportion of oats, make an excellent fodder for horses, fattening them and killing the bots. The diet, however, heats them at the commencement until they are accustomed to it ; *geranium Robertianum*, herb Robert ; *erigonum vulgare spontaneum*, wild marjoram ; *gramen arundinaceum*, great reed-grass ; *centaurea scabiosa*, greater knapweed, and the golden ozier ; *fœniculum vulgare*, common fennel, flowering in July and August.—On the old walls, *glyceria rigida*, hound's sweet grass ; *arenaria serpyllifolia*, thyme-leaved sandwort ; *sedum reflexum*, crooked yellow stone crop ; *draba verna*, common whitlow grass ; and in the adjacent fields, *carum carui*, common caraway ; *orchis latifolia*, broad-leaved marsh orchis ; *sinapis nigra*, common mustard, &c.

On the ascent from Chapelizod to Knockmaroon Hill, the residence of Colonel Colby is seen at left, in a delightful concentration of charming prospects. The entrance to it is from the Phoenix Park, over a bridge thrown across the high road which divides them.

## KNOCKMAROON,

so denominated from the steep hill (Knock) on which is stands, is renowned in the citizen's diary of enjoyment, as the commencement of those romantic high banks, that overhang the beautifully wooded scenery of the valley of the Liffey, and which, basking in a

southern sunshine, have been successfully adapted to the rearing of strawberries, and the dispensation of that sweet fruit in rustic cottages and woodbine bowers. The shallow, precipitous face of these hills, with such adventitious sources of emolument, is rented at from £8 to £10 per acre; but, its cultivated appearance and the neatness of the cottages at its foot, practically evince what a small capital and well directed industry can effect under the most discouraging circumstances.

Some years since, an attempt was made on the south side of this hill to discover coal, and five pits were actually sunk close to each other, all which were filled up again, except one. This has been fathomed and found to be fifty-four feet deep, but filled with water to within twelve feet of the surface of the earth. The spot, injudiciously chosen for this experiment, was in a low valley; whereas, in coal countries, it is found that in such situations the veins of coal are commonly broken off and thrown out of the regular course. Besides, the search perhaps was too soon abandoned, and the mode of trial not the best or cheapest. If the experiment had been made by an auger, the expense would have been much less, and the results more satisfactory. It is remarkable, that Porter, the reverend Franciscan, in his *Annals of Ireland*, describing the county of Dublin, says, "it is so deficient in turf or coal that for the most part fuel is brought thither from England," but he adds, "the more successful diligence of the inhabitants of Carlow has there discovered and brought up quantities of coal."

Doctor Rutty, in his Natural History of the County of Dublin, amongst its mineral petrifications, mentions that he found on the side of a bank near Knockmaroon Hill, a kind of rock marle, or a petrification resembling an artificial plaster, but harder. It broke white within, effervesced strongly with vinegar, and burned to a lime.

The botany of Knockmaroon presents the *lithospermum officinale*, common gromwell; *senecio viscosus*, fetid groundsel.—On the hill, *veronica officinalis*, common speedwell; *salvia verbenaca*, wild clary; *triticum caninum*, fibrous-rooted wheat-grass, a valuable early spring grass; *alchemilla vulgaris*, common lady's mantle; *polemonium caeruleum*, blue Jacob's ladder; *viola hirta*, hairy violet; *meum fœniculum*, fennel; *agrimonia eupatoria*, agrimony, shooting its long spike of yellow flowers out of the grass; *aquilegia vulgaris*, columbine; *origanum vulgare*, common marjoram, used by some for a purple dye; *thymus serpyllum*, wild thyme; *geranium molle*, soft crane's-bill; *polygala vulgaris*, a very delicate species of milkwort, with myrtle-shaped leaves; *tragopogon pratensis*, yellow goat's-beard; *hieracium pilosella*, common mouse-ear hawkweed, whose flowers close early in the afternoon; *poterium sanguisorba*, salad burnet; *linum angustifolium*, narrow-leaved pale flax.—In the hedges, *ballota nigra*, black horehound; *picris echioides*, bristly ox-tongue. While on the hills between this and Lucan are found, *reseda lutea*, yellow base rocket, or wild mignonette; *galeopsis ladanum*, red hemp-nettle; *clinopodium vul-*

*gare*, wild basil; *geranium columbinum*, long-stalked crane's-bill; *crepis biennis*, rough hawk's-beard; *carlina vulgaris*, common carline thistle; a variety of the *centaurea scabiosa*, greater knapweed, with flesh coloured flowers; *equisetum hyemale*, rough horse tail, &c.

In a fine valley immediately under the hill is Mardyke, where are flour-mills, in which starch, blue, and mustard are also made; while opposite on the south side of the Liffey, at Palmerstown, are lead and copper-works. There were also oil, and long established cotton and dye-wood mills there, but these have been discontinued.

On the road hence to Lucan are male and female schools, to which the National Board allows £10 annually. This line, known by the name of the lower road, is one of the most enchanting drives that even the vicinity of Dublin affords, winding in parallel irregularity with the Liffey, and introducing the tourist to all the fine villas that overshadow the waters of that river, and all the weirs, and falls, and mills that, although they impede its navigation, increase its loveliness. A certain portion of this scenery is viewed with perhaps even more advantage from a higher terrace, in the continuance of this excursion by the direct road from Knockmaroon to

#### CASTLEKNOCK,

i. e. the castle on the hill, so called from its baronial fortress hereafter mentioned.

The church was dedicated to St. Brigid, (who was likewise patroness of a cell here.) It is small and built in the Gothic style of architecture, having a steeple with minarets at each angle, but no spire. A grant of £92 4s. 5d. has been lately obtained from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for its repair.—The only monument it contains is to the memory of Captain Tisdall, who died in 1814. In the surrounding graveyard are tombs to several of the same family, who came into this country in the last century from Bangor, others to the Dames family, one to Colonel Gore, who died in 1836, to the Rev. David Brickell, curate of the parish, who died in 1811, &c. This was also the burial place of the Warrens of Corduff. Near the church is the glebe-house, with seventeen acres of glebe adjacent, and two more about two miles distant. Eighteen other acres of glebe having been taken into the Phoenix Park, the vicar is allowed £50 per annum by government,\* in compensation for same. In addition to the school endowed by Mr. Crosthwaite, as hereafter mentioned, there are two here, to which the National Board has allowed £10 per annum. Their total number of pupils was 160 in 1835. Here is also a dispensary, and a savings' bank was established in 1824.

Outside the town are two steep hills or knolls. On the summit of one the grey and massy walls of the castle of the Tyrrels once frowned a formidable defiance to the enemies of that family, but it has long

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\* This allowance was but £18 in 1715. See Lord Somers's Tracts, vol. i. p. 303.

since participated in the fall of its feudal lords, and the historian would vainly labour to conceive, from the solitary broken tower that occupies its rocky eminence, those ambitious halls and porches, ramparts and battlements, that once constituted its ornament and defence. Trees, and shrubs, and moss, and fern shoot up from its double ditches, and assert the empire of nature over its scattered fortifications. On the east side the remains of the entrenchment have given place to an undistinguishable mass of steep earth, but on the west are almost perfect, though mount and foss are now both alike covered with tall trees. From the summit, where the keep had towered, an extensive and beautiful prospect is commanded, enclosing in its scope Howth, the bay, the city, the Wicklow and Dublin mountains, the hills of Athgoe and Lyons, Carton, Mallaghiddart, Dunsink observatory, Castleknock village and its church, &c.

On the day of visiting this scene, a group of the "alumni" of St. Vincent's seminary were more innocently commemorating the purposes of the pile, and alternately assailing and defending its height, according to the ordinances of that ancient sport "the king of the castle." It seemed therefore preferable to defer any search for the famed window recorded by Holinshed, where the candle's flame could never be extinguished by the most boisterous state of the elements, and rather to search for the cavern passage that formerly opened at the base of the fortress, or yet more to discover that well, dedicated to St. Brigid, whose waters were efficacious in the relief of human

diseases, but fatally noxious to all other animals. Both inquiries were, however, alike unsuccessful. Near the castle a vein of lead ore has been found, for the working of which a shaft was opened north-east of the ruins in the year 1744, and in some of the stones were green spots indicating a mixture of copper.

The manor comprised the lands of Whitestown, Huntstown, Tyrrelstown, Redmoreton, Paslockstown, Damastown, and Pelletstown, &c.

The parish (the rectory being inappropriate in the economy of St. Patrick's) ranks as a vicarage endowed, to which the curacies of Clonsillagh and Mallaghiddart were united by act of council in 1773, the union being in the deanery of Finglas and gift of the archbishop. Castleknock is also one of the prebends in St. Patrick's Cathedral, of the annual value of £340. In the Catholic arrangement it is likewise united with the above parishes, together with those of Cloghran near Hiddart, and Chapelizod. In this more extended district there are three chapels, at Blanchardstown, Porterstown and Chapelizod respectively. Castleknock parish has been assessed to the ancient subsidies and road presentments as comprising 3465 arable acres, old Irish measure, in twenty-two townlands. The population was in 1831 returned, including that of Blanchardstown, as 4251 persons, of whom 3409 were Roman Catholics. The chief proprietors are Messrs. Martin, Duckett, Farrel, Thompson, and Norton, the representatives of Mr. Locke of Athgoe, Baron de Robeck and Sir Thomas Molyneux. The grange is the property of the corporation of Dublin,

and about 398A. are included in the Phoenix Park. The average acreable rent is £4, the wages of labour from seven to eight shillings per week.

Castleknock, previous to the English invasion, is said to have been a royal Danish residence, and the appearance of its noble earthworks much strengthens the tradition.

In 1171, on the occasion of the siege of Dublin, Roderic O'Connor, with his provincial troops, encamped here, at which time Dublin is described by William of Newburg\* to have been the rival of London in its commerce and facilities for mercantile intercourse.

About the year 1177 Castleknock was given by Strongbow to his "intrinsic friend" Hugh Tyrrel, a warrior descended from a line of ancestors who were lords of extensive possessions over Normandy, England, Wales, and Ireland, and whose achievements are emblazoned in the annals of each country. Immediately on such his acquisition he founded a castle here and took the title of Baron of Castleknock, and about the year 1184 his heir, Richard Tyrrel, in honour of St. Brigid, gave certain lands to endow an abbey here, for regular canons following the rule of St. Augustine.

In 1219 the great tithes of the parish were appropriated by Archbishop de Loundres to the priory of Malvern the lesser, (a convent of Benedictines in Worcestershire,) on condition that they should add five monks to their number within three years. In 1225 the prior and monks of that house granted half the tithes of this manor of Castleknock to the uses of the economy of St. Patrick's, which grant was confirmed by the archbishop, to whom they likewise renounced all right to the vicarage, with its small tithes and oblations. A partition of the tithes of the whole parish was accordingly made thereupon, the northern portion having been assigned to the prebendary of Castleknock, and the southern divided between the economy and the monks of Malvern. The latter also resigned to the archbishop six acres of land near their mill on the Avon Liffey, for the use of "the chapel then lately built

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\* Will. Neub. lib. ii. c. 6.



and consecrated by him in the churchyard of Castleknock," and ordered half a mark to be paid yearly by Robert Luttrell to the vicar of said parish. The monks reserved, however, to themselves the lands and tithes conferred on St. Brigid's church,\* and also all the tithes of the lands which Robert Blachford held here.

Some little time afterwards the priory or cell of Castleknock contested with the canons of St. Patrick's, the right to the tithes of the land lying between the water of the Tolka and the farm of Finglas, alleging that they belonged to this parish. The matter was, however, compromised by the interference of the metropolitan, and with the consent of the priory of little Malvern. For a notice in 1227, see the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

In 1250 the several tithes of Castleknock were valued, the prebendary's at fifty marks and the Prior of Malvern's at forty, while £10 per annum† was allotted to the vicar. In 1288 Hugh Tyrrel was Lord of Castleknock.

In 1306 the vicarage was rated to the Tenths at one mark, while its two prebends were taxed at two marks each. In 1310 Richard, the son of Hugh Tyrrel, was seised of this manor.

In 1316 Edward Bruce, brother to the Scottish King, encamped here, on the occasion of that invasion which was suggested by the policy of his brother, who proposed thereby to encourage rebellion in Ireland, and to cause a diversion for the forces of King Edward the Second, until he should be firmly fixed on his own throne. The invaders took the Baron, Hugh de Tyrrel, prisoner with his wife, who were, however, soon afterwards ransomed.

In 1371 an inquisition was had concerning the extent of this "honor or manor," which stated that the last possessor was Robert Tyrrel, the son and heir of Hugh, and that Robert had also died, leaving his widow Scolastica, the daughter of Nicholas Howth, and also a daughter Johanna him surviving. This daughter was afterwards married to Robert Serjeant, who thereupon assumed the title of Baron of Castleknock.‡

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\* Dign. Dec.

† Crede mihi.

‡ Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

In 1394 the king granted to John Lincoln the prebend of Castleknock, with a license that he should not be compelled to remain in Ireland.\* For a notice in 1455, see at "Clonsillaigh."

About the year 1483 the tithes of a carucate of land lying in this parish, which had been in the possession of the chapter of St. Patrick's from time immemorial, were unjustly seized upon by James Keating, Prior of Kilmainham. The dean, however, having petitioned the Pope, the matter was referred to a delegated tribunal, who decided that the tithes belonged to the dean and chapter, and that Keating should pay £18 damages and £16 10s. 8d. costs.†

In 1486 Hugh Tyrrel was Lord of Castleknock, the last of that line, and on his death, without issue male, his inheritance passed to those who intermarried with his daughters and co-heiresses, Christopher Barnewall and John Burnell, who were accordingly in 1532 summoned to appear in right of their lay fee of Castleknock.‡

In 1539 the prebend was valued to the First Fruits at £20 6s. 4d., and the vicarage at £13 6s. 8d., Irish. An inquisition of 1547 ascertains the extent and value of the former in tithes, while it adds, that the vicar received the altarages with £2 13s. 4d. from the rector as his stipend, and that the rector was bound to repair the chancel. The extent and value of the tithes belonging to the economy of St. Patrick's were at the same time ascertained. In 1559 an order was made by the queen's commissioners, empowering the vicar of Castleknock and his successors to hold and enjoy a house, two parks, and six acres of arable land, with the appurtenances as parcel of said vicarage.

In 1568, on the attainder of John Burnell of Balgriffin, one moiety of the lands of Castleknock, which formed part of his estate, having been forfeited thereby, was granted to Sir Lucas Dillon of Moymet, Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, and one of her Majesty's distributors of forfeited lands in the province of Munster.§ Some members of the Burnell family, however, continued

\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

† Dign. Dec. p. 142.

‡ Roll in Ch. Rememb. Off.

§ Lett. Pat. 10 Eliz.

to reside there. A subsequent inquisition defines six certain acres as appertaining to the vicarage, also two acres adjoining the vicar's manse at the east and situated on the mountain near the Baron's mill, and likewise a parcel of land at the foot of Sand mountain.

In 1605 Thomas Jones, Archbishop of Dublin, held this prebend in commendam with his see, as did his successor Launcelot Bulkeley. About the same time Philip Hoare was found seised in fee of ten messuages, and 224<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in Castleknock and Irishtown, and of a water-mill and fishery in the river Liffey, all which were forfeited by him in 1641.

In 1609 the church was rebuilt. The regal visitation of 1615 states that the rectory appertained to the prebend, that the vicarage was worth £15 per annum, and then filled by John Rice, and that the church and chancel were in good repair.

In 1642 Colonel Monk, afterwards celebrated as the Duke of Albemarle, took Castleknock and killed several of the confederates. In November, 1647, Owen Roe O'Neill and Sir Thomas Esmonde,\* baronet, at the head of a royal force, retook the castle from the republicans, having defeated Colonel Trevor, who was sent to oppose them with a strong body of horse; the conquerors continued their march to Brazeel, where they encamped that night. In 1649 the Earl of Ormonde marched with his army from Naas, passed over the bridge of Lucan, and appeared before this castle, intending to attack Dublin; but after some inconsiderable skirmishes he removed to Finglas. At the time of the Restoration the castle fell to decay, and was never since repaired.

In 1666 Philip Hoare, a descendant of the forfeiting proprietor before-mentioned, was restored to his former possessions here,

\* This Sir Thomas Esmonde, the first baronet of his name, was the descendant of an individual who settled in Ireland soon after the English invasion, and acquired considerable landed possessions in the County Wexford; the title and honour of the family have passed untainted through the revolutions of Irish history, and derive yet more lustre from the character of him who at present represents the baronetcy, and inherits a considerable portion of the ancient estates. There was also a peerage in this family in Lord Esmonde, Baron of Lime-rick.

while William Warren had a grant of 283A. within the parish, besides parts of Carpenterstown and the Lackses. The former afterwards assigned 28A., and the latter 16½A. of their respective holdings to be enclosed in the Phoenix Park.

In 1676 the Chapter of St. Patrick's resolved that G. Morton should have a lease of the rectory for twenty-one years, at half the value, in consequence of "his having made a discovery of the said rectory." The tithes were then leased for £20 sterling. In 1679 Edward Wettenhall, who had been Prebendary of Castleknock, was consecrated Bishop of Cork and Ross; and in 1680 it was regulated that the prebend should be chargeable with £2 5s. annually to its vicar.

In 1697 the Rev. Patrick Cruise, D. D., was returned parish priest of Castleknock, having as his curate the Rev. Walter Cruise.

In 1700 Thomas Warren claimed, and was allowed, the benefit of a leasehold interest in lower Castleknock, forfeited by the Earl of Tyrconnel; and in 1703 Edward Ford of New Park, passed patent for 285A. in lower Castleknock, the estate of the said earl. For a notice in 1716, see the "*Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin*" at that year.

In 1717 lived Richard Tipper of Mitchelstown in this parish, a transcriber of several Irish works. Many of his copies are extant, and singularly correct.

In 1720 William Crosthwaite, by deed granted, £10 yearly for ever issuing out of the impropriate rectory of Follystown in the county of Meath, in trust for the education of poor children in the parishes of Castleknock, Mallaghiddart, and Clonsillaigh. On which foundation a charity-school was reported as existing in 1730. Twelve children were educated here in 1818. In 1826 the number increased to nineteen Roman Catholics and eight Protestants. The return of this latter year, also mentions an acre of good land as annexed to this establishment. The Report of 1835 states the number of its pupils as thirty-two, but erroneously styles its founder Postletwaite.

In 1721 Doctor Josiah Hort was consecrated Bishop of Leighlin and Ferns in this church by the Bishops of Meath, Dromore, Kilmore, and Ardagh.

In 1773 the parishes of Castleknock and Clonsillaigh were

united by act of Council; and in the same year, Richard Morgan of Newcastle in the county of Dublin, bequeathed to certain trustees for ever all his estates, in trust out of the produce thereof, to expend a sum not exceeding £3000 in erecting two buildings, one for 100 boys, the other for a like number of girls, the children of poor reduced Protestant parents, to be clothed, dieted, lodged, educated, and instructed in reading, writing, arithmetic, and other useful qualifications for their condition in life, and, when of sufficient age, to be apprenticed to Protestant masters and mistresses, with an apprentice fee of £5 for each. And he directed, that any surplus of his estates should be applied in portioning an approved number of the children, on their intermarrying with Protestants. Mr. Morgan died in 1784, but, his will having been contested, the property was on compromise divided, one-half being left with the charity, and the other moiety taken by the heir-at-law, an arrangement which was confirmed by act of parliament. The rental of the charity estates in the counties of Limerick, Dublin, and Leitrim, and in the town of Drogheda, were in 1812 reported as £1652 per annum, while in one denomination, a rise of £600 per annum was then confidently anticipated. The schools have been erected, at an expense, however, considerably exceeding the testator's estimate. The return of 1835 states forty-seven boys as then on this establishment.

In 1797 the Castleknock Farmers' Society was instituted for the improvement of agriculture, and the encouragement of industrious and sober servants and labourers.

In 1808 the Board of First Fruits lent £1000 towards building the present church.

In 1831 William Tisdall of Clonturk, solicitor, devised the lands of Roulestown, subject to the life interests of his wife and aunt, to the Protestant rector of Castleknock and his successors, in trust for the Protestant school of that parish; and he further bequeathed all the residue of his said estate and effects to the said rector and his successors in trust for the said charity-school. Since which year, Alice Tisdall, the sister of the above William, by will, (25th May, 1836,) devised £90 in the 3½ per cents. for the use of the same establishment.

The succession of the prebendaries of Castleknock has been as follows, as far as ascertained :—

1274. William de Northfeld.	1661. William Hill.
—— Richard de Gnowessale.	1667. Thomas Hill.
1305. Anthony Beck.	1673. Benjamin Barry.
1306. John de Patrick.	1675. Edward Wettenhall.
—— John de Dene.	1679. J. Wilkinson.
1394. John Lincoln.	1691. Thomas Twigg.
1495. Nicholas Boys.	1734. Jonathan Rogers.
1546. Richard Ellercore.	1741. John Jourdan.
1562. Thomas Ithel.	1758. Peter Sterne.
1605. Thomas Jones.	1764. Kene Percival.
1619. Launcelot Bulkeley.	1774. William Ware.
1620. Anthony Martin.	1803. George O'Connor.

In the botanic department, the sides of the canal near this exhibit the *carum carui*, caraway; *juncus conglomeratus*, common rush; *juncus effusus*, soft rush; *triglochin palustre*, marsh arrow-grass; *alisma plantago*, greater water plantain; *arenaria rubra*, purple sandwort; *alisma ranunculoides*, lesser water plantain; *polygonum amphibium*, amphibious persicaria; while *artemisia vulgaris*, mugwort, called in Irish *bofulan ban*, abounds on every side.

Proceeding from Castleknock, at right appear those schools of Mr. Morgan before alluded to; Blanchardstown Mills succeed; and lastly the village of

#### BLANCHARDSTOWN,

in both Protestant and Catholic dispensations accounted in the parish of Castleknock. Here is a

new commodious chapel, ninety feet in length by thirty-five in breadth, and thirty-three in height, admirably, yet simply ventilated, and having near it a convent of Carmelite nuns, who give gratuitous education to upwards of 200 girls. The National Board allows £15 per annum for this charitable object, and £10 for a male school in the village.

The principal proprietors of the fee of this townland are Mr. Kirkpatrick, and the representative of Mr. Locke of Athgoe. The general acreable rent is £4 per annum, the wages of labour from seven to eight shillings weekly. The tithes are a portion of those within the parish of Castleknock, appropriated to the economy of St. Patrick's cathedral.

Early in the fourteenth century, the family of Owen, which was originally settled at Blundelstown in this county, acquired a derivative interest in this denomination, under the Tyrrels, and perpetuated their name in the townland of Owenstown. Accordingly, in 1381 John Owen assigned to Cicely Howth, twenty acres of wood, with the water-mill and other properties here, held by him, as the conveyance states, under Sir Robert Tyrrel. The remainder of his property soon afterwards passed to William de Boltham and Robert Burnell, the respective husbands of his sisters and co-heiresses.

By inquisition of 1542, it was found, that the abbot of the religious house of the Blessed Virgin near Dublin, was seised of a messuage, with a garden, and six acres of land in the town of Blanchardstown, annual value nine shillings; as also of the tithes of corn and hay of Blanchardstown, called the little tithes of the parish of Castleknock, annual value £3 6s. 8d.

In 1577 Nicholas Dillon of Cappock in this county, died seised in fee of Cappock, Blanchardstown, and Blundelstown, 300 acres, Finglas 120 acres, a water-mill on the river Tolka, called Cardiff's

mill, and another called New mill, &c., out of which he assigned the town and lands of Blanchardstown as the dower of his wife.\*

In the beginning of the seventeenth century, Thomas Luttrell was seised in fee of the great wood of Blanchardstown, called Scald Wood, as also of a water-mill there.†

In 1621 the tithes of corn and hay of Blanchardstown, "lately called the little tithes of the parish of Castleknock," were held by William Dangan, Esq., at the annual rent of £3 6s. 8d.

In 1666 James Duke of York obtained a grant of 180 acres plantation measure in Blanchardstown and Damestown; and in 1668 Sir Robert Meredith died seised of the tithes of Blanchardstown, which he held of the crown in free and common socage, at an annual rent.‡

In 1688 Peter Westenra, Esq., of this locality, was one of those attainted in King James's parliament. For a notice of the possessions of Edward Sweetman here, in 1697, see at "Abbotstown."

In 1703 Alderman John Eccles obtained a grant of a portion of Blanchardstown, which King James held under the before-mentioned grant of 1666, while seventeen acres were sold by the trustees of the forfeited estates to William Cairnes. For a notice of a bequest for a poor-school here in 1829, see at "Harold's Cross."

From Blanchardstown, the Trim road continues, overhanging the valley of the Tolka, and looking back upon a fine display of the Dublin mountains, the historic hills of Castleknock, and presently are seen at right, the mill and ancient demesne of

#### CORDUFF IN CASTLEKNOCK,

(as it may be called, to distinguish it from Corduff near Lusk,) formerly the property of the de la Field

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

‡ Ib.



family, and subsequently of the Warrens, in reference to whom it may be noted, that in 1692 it was one of the charges against William Culliford, a Commissioner of his Majesty's Revenue, "that for his private advantage, he did take to farm the forfeited lands of Thomas Warren of Corduff, from their Majesties' then Commissioners of the Revenue, in the name of one Nolan, in trust for him the said Mr. Culliford, and did seize the stock, corn, and household goods of the said Thomas Warren, to the value of £500, which were forfeited to their Majesties, and disposed thereof to his own private use."

Crossing the Royal Canal, where its passage has been forced through blasted rocks, the tourist arrives at

#### CARPENTERSTOWN,

so called from having been, in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, the residence of a branch of the family of Carpenter. The Luttrels, Warrens, and Burnells succeeded to certain portions of the denomination, the fee of which is now chiefly vested in the devisee of Mr. Locke. Rent is about £4 per acre, labourers' wages from seven to eight shillings weekly. The tithes of this townland also are part of those appropriated to the economy of St. Patrick's.

Near this, at

#### DISWELLSTOWN,

is a handsome, modern built house, with a fine lawn, and surrounded by grounds well enclosed and wooded,

also a remarkable spring-well, the waters of which are reported to be of such a petrifying quality, that it is said a sprig of thorn thrown into it in autumn will be petrified in about five months. The water lathers with soap, and excites some small bubbles with spirit of vitriol; it is impregnated with calcareous earth, a little marine salt, and sulphur. Limestone abounds in this neighbourhood. "Near Diswellstown," writes Rutty, "copper ore was found mixed with spar, which appeared to be rich, but after sinking some yards the work was dropped; and on the same estate, in a quarry, there appeared a copper course, which was wrought upon for a few months, but the ore raised there did not defray the expense, and, as the course seemed to lead into the estate of Mr. Luttrell, which was nearly adjoining, and the undertaker had no mining lease, the work was dropped." This place took its name from the family of Diswell, who, in the thirteenth century, purchased 578 acres here from Tyrrel, Baron of Castleknock. The Luttrell family were subsequently seised of a stone house, six messuages, and 120 acres here,\* and it is now the fee of Colonel White. The tithes are appropriated to the economy of St. Patrick's, as are also those of the adjacent townland of

PORTERSTOWN,

formerly the estate of the Finglas family, the last heiress of whom, Maria Finglas, was the ward of

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

Thomas Luttrell of Luttrellstown. Colonel White is now the proprietor of the fee. There are here extensive limestone quarries, copper pyrites also occurs and brown iron-stone, and gallena is met with in calc, while in the adjacent rock banks of the Royal Canal is found a bed of manganese of good quality, eighteen inches thick. It is neither hard nor heavy, and on trial in a glass-house was found to give a most beautiful colour. A quantity of fine purple marle, of so pure a nature, and beautiful a colour, that a paper stainer has used it for colouring walls, was thrown up on cutting the canal here, and in the deep drain for letting out the overflow of its waters coal smute is had.

In this place is a large cruciform Roman Catholic chapel, with a school-house adjacent. The mills are mentioned in records as early as the fourteenth century, and appear to have stood on the site of those now called Black Mills, the first established in Ireland for flattening iron. At New Holland, immediately adjacent, there were also, some few years since, four wire mill wheels and a cotton printer's establishment; but none of these are now in existence.

A prettily shaded road leads from Porterstown to Clonsillaigh. The chapel alluded to is seen at left, and on the right, amidst aged and decaying trees, are the remains of an ancient residence of the Troy family, where the late Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin was born. Another road, rough and steep, but most picturesque, leads down to the valley of the Liffey, turning at a rock-piled gate-house of Luttrellstown, and thence descending to the river with that

demesne at right. A splendid view is here commanded over the windings of the vale and river, embrowned by the dark wooded eminences of Hermitage, yet more beautifully reflected in the clear waters below, and solemnly enlivened by the flittings and cawings of its ancient rookery.

#### LUTTRELSTOWN,

the demesne alluded to, was so styled from its former proprietor, but is now more usually called Woodlands, and is the present residence of Colonel White. It is beautifully undulated in all its surface, diversified with wood and water, valleys and precipices, and occasionally opening the richest vistas over that enchanting line before-mentioned as the lower road to Lucan, which here accompanies the Liffey through a valley overhung with wooded slopes, and only wide enough to admit their common progress.

The entrance to the demesne, as Prince Puckler Muskau well describes it, "is indeed the most delightful in its kind that can be imagined. Scenery, by nature most beautiful, is improved by art to the highest degree of its capability, and, without destroying its free and wild character, a variety and richness of vegetation is produced which enchants the eye. Gay shrubs and wild flowers, the softest turf and giant trees, festooned with creeping plants, fill the narrow glen through which the path winds, by the side of the clear, dancing brook, which, falling in little cataracts, flows on, sometimes hidden in the thicket, sometimes resting like liquid silver in an emerald

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cup, or rushing under overhanging arches of rock, which nature seems to have hung there as triumphal gates for the beneficent Naiad of the valley to pass through."

So early as the reign of King John, this estate is said to have been granted by that monarch to Sir Geoffrey Luttrell, in whose descendants it remained until sold by Lord Carhampton.

In a record of 1519 occurs the following curious notice referrible to Luttrellstown:—"Memorandum, that I, Thomas Netterville, the king's attorney, was with Sir William D'Arcy of Platten, knight, at Platten, the Monday next before the feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the year 1519, and there among other points, enquired of him whether he knew John Bermingham of Baldungan, and Nicholas Tryvers of Corkelagh or not, and what age or station the said Nicholas was of, the which Sir William shewed me that he and his cousin Sir Thomas Kent, being learning their Tenures and Natura Brevium with Mr. John Stret at Dublin, was tabled at Hugh Talbot's, the said Hugh then dwelling where said John Dillon now dwelleth, and that Philip Bermingham, then Chief Justice of the King's Bench, at that time dwelled there, as Anne White dwelleth now, having one John Harper in his service, unto the which John Harper, the said Sir William and Sir Thomas, with other their companions on holy-days resorted, to learn to harp and to dance at the said justice's place, where was then the said John Bermingham; and the said Sir William and Sir Thomas so being in Dublin, were sent for to the marriage of the said Nicholas and of Luttrell's daughter to Luttrellstown, where they, accompanied with divers of Dublin, went, at the which time, said Nicholas was as tall a man as ever he was, and the best and strongest archer that was at that marriage, and at the least to the said Sir William's remembrance, there was forty good bows there," &c.

In 1531 the prior of the Croisers of the religious house of St. John the Baptist of Dublin, was seised of certain parts of this denomination, and granted to Sir Thomas Luttrell of Luttrellstown, lawyer, for his counsel, and services to that establish-

ment, an annuity of twenty shillings, with power of distraining for the same. The monastic order of Croisers, *alias* Crutched Friars, by which name they were more known in England and Ireland, was founded in honour of the discovery of the cross by the Empress Helena. They were dispersed in several parts of Europe, but more particularly in the Low Countries, France, and Bohemia. They followed the rule of St. Augustine, and at their dissolution, had in this country thirteen establishments.

In 1535 the said Sir Thomas Luttrell had a grant of the offices of Sergeant-at-law and Solicitor-General.

In 1561 Queen Elizabeth granted to Richard Netterville, Esq., all the possessions in the county of Dublin that had belonged to the priory of St. John the Baptist, and situate at Jordantown, Luttrellstown, Grallagh, Newtown, St. John's Leys in Lucan, with other lands and possessions situated in the counties of Wicklow, Meath, Kildare, Louth, Tipperary, and Carlow, and in the city of Cork, and town of Drogheda.

In 1654 Luttrellstown was the residence of Colonel Hewson, who had been for some time Governor of Dublin, and represented this county in Cromwell's parliament of 1654. A pamphlet of that day, in characterizing the members of that assembly, says, "Colonel Hewson, sometime an honest shoemaker or cobbler in London, went out a captain upon the account of the cause, fought on, and in time became a colonel, did good service in England and Scotland, was made Governor of Dublin, became one of the little parliament, and of all the parliaments since, a knight also of the new stamp, the world being so well mended with him, and the sole so well stitched to the upper leather; having gotten so considerable an interest and means, he may well be counted fit to be taken out of the house to be a lord, and to have a negative voice in the other house over all of the gentle craft and cordwainers' company in London, if they please. But, though he be so considerable and of such merit in the Protector's, as also in his own esteem, not only to be a knight, but also a lord, yet it will hardly pass for current with the good people of these lands, it being so far beyond the last." He was one of the most constantly attendant judges at the trial of the unfortunate Charles the First, throughout all the proceedings, as well in the painted chamber as at Westminster

Hall, in which latter place he was present when the fatal sentence was pronounced.\* In Ireland, he was one of the most distinguished parliamentary leaders, and signalized himself at the taking of Castledermot, Naas, Athy, Maryborough, Lea Castle, Dunamase, &c. In 1660, however, he was attainted, and his estate granted to others.

In 1672 Luttrellstown was the property of Thomas Luttrell, comprising with its appurtenances 424A. He was also seised of Clonsillaigh 90A., Strahenny 188A., Diswellstown, 578A., Carpenterstown 80A., and other most extensive denominations in this neighbourhood.

In King James's parliament of 1689, Simon Luttrell of Luttrellstown, was one of the members for the county of Dublin, and in the ensuing confiscations forfeited his interest in the said estates. His widow, thereupon, sought and was allowed her jointure off the premises, while Colonel Henry Luttrell claimed an estate tail therein.

In 1708 the rectories and tithes of Luttrellstown, Clonsillaigh, and Mullaghiddart, confiscated by the attainder of Simon Luttrell, were conveyed by the commissioners of the forfeited estates to the trustees for the augmentation of small vicarages, in pursuance of the act 11 Will. III.

In 1787 a beautiful wooden bridge, which Lord Carhampton had erected at a point opposite his demesne, adding a considerable embellishment to the scene, was carried away by a remarkable rising of the waters, which it had for some time triumphantly spanned. See at "the Liffey."

Squirrels were formerly frequent in the woods of Luttrellstown, as was likewise the marten. The botanist will find there *ilex aquifolium*, holly; *poa nemoralis*, wood meadow-grass, flowering in July; *carex strigosa*, loose pendulous sedge, flowering in June; *ophrys nidus avis*, bird's nest orchids, flower-

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\* Fellowes's Historical Sketches, p. 173.

ing so early as April ; *carex remota*, remote sedge ; *hypnum cuspidatum*, pointed hypnum ; *merulius androsaceus*, black-stalked agaric ; *helvella mitra*, curled helvella, flowering here in April ; *festuca gigantea*, tall fescue-grass, whose seeds are coveted by birds ; *lathræa squamaria*, toothwort, flowering round the roots of the elms in April and May ; *orchis mascula*, early purple orchis ; *galeobdolon luteum*, yellow archangel, flowering in May and June.—On the trees, *lichen olivaceus*, olive lichen.—In the moist places, *geum rivale*, water avens, flowering in June and July.

In the ponds, *happuris vulgaris*, mare's tail ; *ænanthe phillandrium*, fine-leaved water dropwort.—In the hedges, *hypericum hirsutum*, hairy St. John's wort ; *carpinus betulus*, hornbeam, the wood of which burns like a candle. It is useful in turning, and for making many implements in husbandry, and for cogs for mill wheels is considered even superior to yew ; the inner bark is likewise much used in Scandinavia to dye yellow ; *rosa cinamomea*, cinnamon, or May rose, flowering in May.—On the road sides, along the walls and ditches, *circæa lutetiana*, common enchant-er's nightshade ; *veronica montana*, mountain speed-well ; *holcus avenaceus*, oatlike soft grass, a tall, conspicuous plant, remarkable for the bulbous nodes that are fixed at the base of the straw, particularly when the plant is advanced in age. It is, however, applicable to no agricultural purpose, is materially injurious when it intrudes in the corn crops, and never desirable amidst pasture grasses ; it is also subject to a



disease called rust, which after its flowering affects the whole plant; *polypodium vulgare*, common polypody.—In the adjacent fields, *isatis tinctoria*, dyer's wood, yielding the blue dye which was used by the ancient Britons for painting their bodies; *triticum caninum*, fibrous-rooted wheat-grass.—And, adhering to the furze on the line between this and Lucan, *orobanche major*, greater broom rape, flowering in August.

In the neighbourhood of this locality are several excellent sites for mills, one very fine concern of this class is at present worked. It has been erected on the foundation of what is popularly called the Devil's mill, from a tradition, faithfully preserved, that his Infernal Majesty had from time immemorial promptly defeated all attempts to establish such a work there. Man has, however, triumphed, and the demon is now considered barred by a long interval of acquiescence.

A beautiful road, commanding delightful views, of a character similar to those occurring in the before mentioned descent from Porterstown, climbs the steep at the Lucan side of Colonel White's to Barberstown, another portion of the ancient patrimony of the Luttrels, whence a cross road conducts to

#### CLONSILLAGH,

a village formed of what, on the old principles of serf elections, were designed as *votive* residences for forty shilling freeholders, each having in the ere an acre

of ground attached, subject to the annual rent of £5, yet sworn to yield an interest to the amount required for qualification. The church is an old, plain building surrounded by trees. The patron saint was Mochta, the last survivor of St. Patrick's disciples, and whose name is here still preserved, in a well dedicated to his honour.

The parish ranks as a curacy in the union of Castleknock, of which the Archbishop of Dublin is patron. It comprises 3256A. 1R. 7P., in thirteen townlands, and has compounded for its tithes at £240 per annum, payable to the incumbent. Its population was returned in 1831 as 943 persons, of whom 770 were Catholics. The chief proprietor of the fee is Colonel White, the general acreable rent being from £2 10s. to £3 per annum, and the wages of labour seven shillings weekly. There are schools in the parish for males and females, at which about sixty-six are educated, and for the support of which the National Board has allowed £10 annually.

In 1419 the prior of Little Malvern was sued as rector of the church of Clonsillagh for two-thirds of the profits thereof, in consequence of his non-residence; but he pleaded letters of license from the king, and had a remission of the penalty.

An inquisition of 1455 finds that Christopher Luttrell of Clonsillagh was seised of the manor of Luttrellstown, Clonsillagh, and Castleknock, and the towns of Timolin and Barberstown.

In 1470 it was enjoined by act of parliament that such of the lands of Mullaghiddart and Clonsillagh, as were parcel of the possessions of the nunnery of Lismullen, should be charged only as one carucate of land, the same being barren and of small value.

In 1485 Thomas, Prior of St. Giles of little Malvern in Worcestershire, and his convent, with the consent of John, Bishop of

Worcester, granted to the abbey of the Virgin Mary of Dublin, the Grange of Clonsillagh, five other acres in Clonsillagh, five near the White Chapel of Clonsillagh, (Culmine,) the mill on the river Liffey in the county of Dublin, five carucates of land in the lordship of Fertullagh, and the mill of Fertullagh in the county of Westmeath; and in the following year the same prior granted to the said abbey, the church at the White Chapel of St. Macolthus of Clonsillagh, with certain other churches in the dioceses of Meath and Ardagh.\* Accordingly an inquisition of 1541 finds that the abbot of said house of the Blessed Virgin was seised of the premises here before-mentioned, and of the rectory of Clonsillagh, the extent of which is there defined; and also of an annual charge of sixteen shillings for the mill of Clonsillagh.

For a notice in 1602 see "Dalkey." At this time Thomas Luttrell was seised in fee of the rectory with all the tithes and 100*l.* in this denomination.† Accordingly the regal visitation of 1615 reports the rectory as impropriate, that John Rice the vicar of Castleknock served the cure, and that both church and chancel were in good repair. For a notice in 1672, see at "Luttrellstown."

In 1700 Thomas Braughall claimed, and was allowed, a leasehold interest in Clonsillagh, the Grange, and the impropriations, and great tithes thereof, &c., forfeited by Simon Luttrell; and in 1703 the rectory was, in pursuance of the act 11 Will. III. assigned to augment its vicarage. For a notice of the parish in 1773, see at "Castleknock."

A road, partially margined at one side with poplars and hawthorns, on the other with Scotch firs, leads hence to the village of

## MULLAGHIDDART,

situated on an acclivity that rises above the meandering waters of the Tolka, as its name expressively denotes.

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\* King's MSS.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

Here are the ruins of the old church, which was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. They exhibit a square, double, stone-arched steeple, with the broken walls of a long and tolerably broad chapel, within which is a monumental stone to Margaret Savage, who died in 1681 ; another to the Rev. John Beahan, Curate of St. Nicholas without, who died in 1822 ; and a third to John Conolly of New Haggard, who died in 1811 ; while in the side of the gable two mural monuments are inserted, commemorative of the Comynses from 1675 to 1751. Amidst the ridges of humbler dead, in a thick vegetation of nettles and thorns, are monuments to the Clinches of Rathcoole, the Younges, O'Briens, Meades, Mac Cables, Lynches, Rooneys, &c., an enclosed cemetery for the Rourkes of Tyrrelstown, and a monument to the celebrated Roman Catholic preacher, the Rev. Mr. Clarke, who died in 1809, at the early age of thirty-three years.

Mullaghiddart constitutes a prebend in St. Patrick's cathedral, of the annual value of £210, the rectory being annexed thereto ; the parish ranks as a curacy, and is in the union of Castleknock in both the Protestant and Catholic arrangements. It comprises 4067A. 0R. 35P. in nineteen townlands, and a population reported in 1831 as 471 persons, of whom not forty were Protestants. The chief proprietors in the parish are Sir Coghill Coghill and Sir Thomas Molyneux. Acreable rent varies from £2 to £2 10s. per annum, while a cabin without land is let for about £2 10s.

In 1363 Thomas Minot, Prebendary of Mullaghiddart, was consecrated Archbishop of Dublin.

In 1412 the king granted to Maurice Coggeran, the prebend of Mullaghiddart, as appertaining to the royal patronage.\*—For a notice in 1468, see at "Tipperkevin," and in 1470, at "Clonsillagh."

In 1532 King Henry, on the requisition and assent of both houses of parliament, and at the solicitation of certain persons therein named, granted license by letters patent to found a fraternity or guild of brothers and sisters, under the name of the Guild of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to continue by succession in perpetuity, and to consist of a master and two wardens to govern said guild, with regulations for their appointment, continuance, or removal, to have a common seal, and to sue and be sued as a corporate body, with powers for the erection of a chantry of two or more chaplains, for the celebration of divine service in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary within the parish church of Mullaghiddart for ever, as also that the said master should be at liberty to purchase lands, &c., to the value of twenty marks yearly. The guild was accordingly established, and so continued down to the year 1573, having acquired in that interval 80*A.* in Whitestown, 25*A.* in Huntstown, 24*A.* in Redmoreton, 20*A.* in Ballyboggan, 28*A.* in Newcastle, &c. &c.†

In 1539 the prebend was rated to the First Fruits at £18 Irish, and, by inquisition of 1547, its extent and value were ascertained as in tithes worth £39 per annum, the altarages being stated to appertain to the Vicar of Castleknock, to whom a sum of £1 6*s.* 8*d.* was also paid by the rector. The vicar (adds the document,) is bound to find a curate, but the rector is bound to repair the chancel.

The regal visitation of 1615 states the rectory of Mullaghiddart as appertaining to the prebend, and that John Rice, Vicar of Castleknock, served the cure.

In 1677 a very remarkable personage was interred here, Richard Beling, son of Sir Henry Beling, Knight. He was born in

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

† Inquia. of 1613.

this county and received a grammar education in the metropolis, whence he removed to Lincoln's Inn to study the law. Having sojourned there for some years, he returned a very accomplished gentleman. He took part with the royalists in what is called the Rebellion of 1641, and was an officer of considerable rank. In the February of that year, he appeared with a party of Irish before Lismore, and summoned the castle to surrender, but Lord Broghill, who commanded in it, slighted the summons, and some forces coming to his aid, Mr. Beling thought it prudent to retire. He afterwards became a leading member in the Supreme Council of the confederated Catholics at Kilkenny, to which he was secretary, and was by them sent in 1645 to the Pope to crave his assistance. He returned, unhappily accompanied by Rinuccini the Nuncio, who was the occasion of renewing those distinctions between the old Irish and the English in this country, which split the before justly styled confederates into factions, promoted the visitation of Cromwell, and the utter extinction of Ireland as an independent nation. Mr. Beling soon saw the error of this policy, and none was thenceforth more zealous than he in opposing such measures, promoting the peace, and submitting to the king's authority. When the parliamentary army subdued the Irish, he went into France, where he lived during some years, but on the Restoration returned to Ireland, where he recovered his estates through the interest of the Duke of Ormonde. He died in Dublin in 1677, and was buried here. Ware says he saw his tomb at Mullaghiddart, walled in, but without inscription. At a very early age he wrote and added a sixth book to Sir Philip Sidney's *Arcadia*, which has been printed with that work, and during his retirement in France, is said to have written in Latin, under the name of Philopater Irenæus, a work entitled "*Vindiciæ Catholicorum Hiberniæ*," the first part of which treats of Irish affairs from 1641 to 1649, and the second is an answer to an epistle written by Paul King, a Franciscan friar, and a partisan of the nuncio. He was, likewise, the author of some other works. In reference, however, to the "*Vindiciæ Catholicorum Hiberniæ*," it would seem more than questionable that Beling was its author. His contemporary, Peter Walshe, in the preface to his *History of the Remonstrance*, at-

tributes it to the Robert John Mac Callaghan, who was presented by the confederate Catholics to the bishopric of Cork, but on the nuncio's interference was not promoted thereto. De Burgo also sanctions this conclusion, while O'Connor seems to attribute the "*Vindiciæ*" to Beling, and laments he had not continued it down to Cromwell's time, as he had such sources and facilities for the work. The subject of this memoir, it may be added, was father to Sir Richard Beling, Knight, secretary to Catherine, the queen of King Charles the Second, who, marrying a lady of the name of Arundel, an heiress to a great estate, his children were obliged to take the name of their mother's family.

In 1680 it was regulated, that the Prebendary of Mullaghiddart should pay £2 10s. annually to the vicar of that parish.

In 1688 Henry Rider, Prebendary of Mullaghiddart, was one of those attainted in King James's parliament, but in 1693 was promoted to the bishopric of Killaloe. In 1700 Henry Luttrell of Luttrellstown, and Walter Delamer of Porterstown, passed their bond in the penalty of £2634 to the Trustees of the forfeited estates, to secure £310 5s. to the clergy for the tithes and mesne rates of the lands in Mrs. Luttrell's jointure, and the mesne rates of the rest of the lands to the public and the clergy. For a notice of the rectory and tithes in 1703, see "*Luttrellstown*."

In 1716 Dean Swift wrote to Archbishop King in reference to this prebend, "I have been assured that Mr. Wall would not have failed of the prebend of Mullaghiddart, if he had not been thought too much attached to me, for it is alleged, that, according to your own scheme of uniting the prebends to the vicarages, it would almost have fallen to him of course, and I remember the poor gentleman had always a remote hope of that prebend, whenever Doctor Moore should quit it. Mr. Wall came lately down to me to Trim upon that disappointment, and I was so free as to ask him whether he thought my friendship had done him hurt, but he was either so meek or so fearful of offending, that he would by no means impute his misfortune to any thing beside his want of merit and some misrepresentations, which latter, I must confess, to have found with grief to have more than once influenced you against some, who by their conduct to your grace, have deserved a quite

different treatment. With respect to myself, I can assure your grace, that those who are most in your confidence make it no manner of secret, that several clergymen have lost your grace's favour by their civilities to me. I do not say any thing of this by way of complaint, which I look upon to be an office too mean for any man of spirit and integrity, but merely to know, whether it be possible for me to be upon any better terms with your grace, without which, I shall be able to do very little good in the small station I am placed." For a further notice in this year, see the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

In 1809 the Rev. Mr. Clarke, before alluded to, was interred here. This young clergyman, who so much distinguished himself in Dublin for his piety and talents, was the youngest son of a Captain Clarke, resident near Lisburn. He had been educated a Protestant, but in his youth embraced the faith of the Roman Catholic Church. In 1793 he became a student at the Irish College of Lisbon, where he concluded his courses of philosophy and divinity, and became distinguished for his reasoning powers and sound judgment. In composing and preparing his discourses he evinced wonderful facility, but, while intent on the better object of profiting his hearers, he was to a great extent careless of ornament. His style was plain though pure, his reasoning accurate and conclusive, and his subjects methodically and judiciously arranged. The scope of his sermons was generally to elucidate the tenets of the religion he had espoused, or to expose and lash the prevailing vices of the day. He died in the chapel house of Mary's parish, then situated in Liffey-street, and a mural monument of white marble was erected to his memory in the adjoining chapel, which has since been removed to the modern Metropolitan Church in Marlborough-street.

The successive prebendaries of Mullaghiddart were as follow, as far as ascertained.

1806 John de Patrick.	1485 John Waryng.
1363 Thomas Minot.	1495 John Boys.
1412 Maurice Coggeran.	1509 Robert S kyrret.
1413 Thomas de St. Leger.	1515 David Eustace.
1437 John Sudbury.	1524 Christopher Lynam.



1546 Robert Eustace.  
 1555 Nicholas Meagh.  
 1567 Richard Bancroft.  
 1597 Lucas Challoner.  
 1615 Benjamin Culme.  
 1626 Richard Moygues.  
 1627 John Fitzgerald.  
 1642 Henry Hall.  
 1660 Thomas Crofton.  
 1683 Henry Rider.  
 1693 Anthony Ireby.  
 1706 Ezekiel Burridge.  
 1707 John Moore.

1716 Charles Whittingham.  
 1719 William Caldwell.  
 1729 Francis Corbet.  
 1735 Edward Drury.  
 1737 Nicholas Synge.  
 1743 Gabriel James Maturin.  
 1746 John Towers.  
 1752 Kene Percival.  
 1764 William Martin.  
 1787 John Lyon.  
 1790 Robert Truell.  
 1831 William Michael Mayers.

On the descent from the hill of Mullaghiddart to the Tolka, under the shade of two very ancient ash trees, is a well of remarkably fine water, which also was consecrated to the Blessed Virgin. At the opposite side of the road is a school, to which the National board allows £10 annually, attended in 1835 by upwards of 100 children.

It may here be observed of the pretty stream, so often alluded to in the course of this history, and here seen for the last time,

#### THE TOLKA,

that along the course of its windings, and of the rivulets that trickle into its valley, the botanist will find *iris pseudacorus*, yellow water iris; *scirpus lacustris*, bull rush; *phalaris arundinacea*, reed canary grass, sometimes used for thatching cottages or ricks, and enduring much longer than straw; *pota-*

*mogeton natans*, broad-leaved pond weed, floating its pleasant shade over the finny inhabitants of the stream : *œnanthe crocata*, hemlock water dropwort, the roots and leaves of which are powerfully poisonous ; *juncus glaucus*, hard rush ; *juncus bufonius*, toad rush ; *alisma plantago*, greater water plantain, with its purplish flowers, this also possesses a poisonous quality ; *lythrum salicaria*, purple loose strife ; *rosa rubiginosa*, sweet briar, breathing its delicious fragrance through the overhanging hedges ; *ranunculus aquatilis*, white water crowfoot ; *caltha palustris*, marsh marygold, whose flowers the country people in England used formerly to strew on May day on the pavement before their doors ; *scrophularia nodosa*, knotty rooted figwort ; *barbarea vulgaris*, common rocket ; *eupatorium cannabinum*, hemp agrimony, with its pink flowers and fingered leaves ; *artemisia vulgaris*, mugwort ; *tussilago petasites*, butter bur, with its remarkably large leaves ; *senecio aquaticus*, marsh ragwort ; *inula dysenterica*, common flea bane ; *listera ovata*, common tway blade ; *sideritis anglica*, clown's all-heal ; a variety of the *veronica anagallis*, water speedwell, with narrow leaves and pinkish flowers ; *lycopus Europæus*, gipsy wort ; *eleocharis palustris*, creeping spike rush ; *ononis arvensis*, rest harrow, &c.

In addition to the few historic events connected with the Tolka, but noticed at the localities to which they seemed more referrible, one may be here introduced, which if this (as most probably) be the Tolka alluded to, would evince that, pure and peaceful as it glides through its sequestered valley, the time has been when it too has "started at the bugle horn," slaked the thirst of the wounded

and stilled the agony of the dying. When Malachy, the last royal representative of that series of the Hy-Nial dynasty, who held the sovereignty of Ireland, resigned his throne and power in the ancient palace of Tara, and acknowledged submission to the victorious Brian Boromhe, Aodh, the prince who at that time governed the Hy-Nials of Ulster, was the successor presumptive of Malachy, and consequently the person most essentially prejudiced by the abdication. This sense of his injuries and degradation naturally provoked his resentment even to rashness, and with a few daring adherents, who preferred death in freedom to life in slavery, Aodh attacked the allies of Brian in an engagement, which, from the scene of action, the Annals of the Four Masters call "the battle of the wood of Tolka," and there he gallantly fell.

At a little distance west of Mullaghiddart is Damastown, 200A. of which were formerly the estate of Doctor Stearne, Bishop of Clogher. While northward, in the direction of the Ward, lies Hollywoodrath, a large portion of which was, in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, the fee of Christopher Plunkett of Dunsoghly, and which, on subsequent acquisition vesting in the Rev. Daniel Jackson, he by his will in 1706 charged with £6 per annum, for ever, for a schoolmaster, and £30 for building a school-house; while he also devised three acres of land for the same purpose.

Near Mullaghiddart is

## CULMINE,

once a place of celebrity, and the seat of a church founded by St. Mochta, the last survivor of St. Patrick's disciples, and first abbot of Louth; who died, according to the Annals of the Four Masters, on the

19th of August, A. D. 534. After the English invasion it was suffered to fall into decay, and a vestige of it did not exist in the sixteenth century, as appears from the *Repertorium Viride*.

A royal confirmation of the possessions of the religious house of the Blessed Virgin of Dublin, bearing date in 1174, enumerates Culmine amongst them, with its lands, tithes, and other appurtenances, as does a subsequent confirmation to the same house by John Earl of Moreton in 1185, and by Pope Clement the Third in 1189. For a notice in 1485, see at "Clonsillagh."

An inquisition of the time of Henry the Eighth finds the religious house of the Blessed Virgin still seised of six messuages, with 260A., arable, meadow, pasture and bog in Culmine, annual value £12, which appear to have been subsequently granted to Sir Edward Bolton, at a crown rent of £10, Irish, lately purchased by Alexander Kirkpatrick.

#### WARD,

the succeeding locality, anciently called the town of Reimund le Bank, had a chapel, one of the three subservient to the church of Finglas, and dedicated to Saint Brigid. Its ruins are sodded over almost even with the ground, with the exception of one ivied gable, nor is there within them, or in the graveyard without, any tomb of note. The manor extended over Spricklestown, Gelanstown, Phepoestown, Irish-town, Kilmacmonan, Stradbally, &c.

The parish comprises 1349A. 1R. 6P., in four townlands, and its population was in 1831 returned as 251 persons. It ranks as a chapelry in the corps of the chancellor of St. Patrick's Cathedral. In the

Roman Catholic arrangement it is in the union of Finglas. The chief proprietor of the fee is Lord Howth. Colonel Rochfort of Carlow, however, has a derivative interest that leaves the fee of small value. Sir Josiah Coghill Coghill has also a portion of the fee. Rent varies from £2 to £3 per acre, labourers' wages being seven shillings per week.

Archbishop Allen says, that Raymond le Brett, the first proprietor of the Ward after the English invasion, caused to be here constructed a large foss, called "Halfpenny Trench." No traces of this work, which seemed worthy of the prelate's notice, now exist.

In 1421 Henry the Fifth committed to the custody of Thomas Walsh the manor or lordship of Ward, whilst in the king's hands.\*

In 1441 the king granted half the manor of Ward and sixty acres in Lafulane, which had been forfeited by Sir Richard Bermingham, to Richard Rowe, and Blanch his wife.†

In 1515, a moiety of this manor was held under the crown by Sir Richard St. Lawrence, the nineteenth Lord of Howth; and here his heir, Sir Christopher, the twentieth lord, resided, who, in 1557, settled the same, with other lands, upon his family, in whom they still continue. For a notice in 1538, see at "Killbarrock."

An inquisition in 1547 defines the extent and value of the tithes and altarages of this parish; and an account of 1660 is extant in relation to the same subject. At the close of the sixteenth century a castle was garrisoned here.

In 1611 Lord Howth suffered a recovery of a moiety of the manor, which was held in 1614 by Thomas White, described as comprising one castle, six messuages, and 260A., subject to a chief rent of £40 to the Lord of Howth. The remainder of the manor and some dependent seigniories then belonged to the de la Hoyde family.‡

In 1666 Sir James Ware died, seized of the town and lands of Ward, and of the town and lands of Mayockstown, &c. which he

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

‡ Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

held of the crown in free and common socage.\* The name of Sir James Ware, however slightly associated with the subject, should not be dismissed without some grateful recollection of the man, who, though not attached to Ireland by any link of ancient inheritance or lineage, has done more for its honest, dispassionate, and authentic illustration, than any who ever devoted attention to its neglected annals. He knew that all was not a literary chaos in the records of "that people, which, in truth," admits Edmund Spencer, "I think to be more *antient* than most that I know in this end of the world;" or, in the historic associations of that country, which, admits Prideaux, "was once the prime seat of learning in all Christendom." And, while too many of the old tenants of the soil were wilfully blind to the footsteps of history, and "proudly shallow" in what should consecrate their homes, while they crept, like Helots, through the scenes of their ancestors' power and piety, or rather like the labourers that for centuries worked over Herculanæum, trembled to bring to light those evidences of former days that unexampled visitations had buried beneath their feet, he stood forth the champion of the cause, took from fable its extravagance, disembarassed truth from the drapery of romance, based Irish history on recorded and incontrovertible evidence, and confounded the slanders that were so derogatory of a nation's honour.

He was born in Castle-street, Dublin, in 1594, entered Trinity College in 1610, published his first portion of the work, "*De Præsulibus Hiberniæ*," in 1626, which he concluded at subsequent intervals. In 1632 he succeeded his father in the office of Auditor-General, and in 1633 was made a Privy Councillor by Lord Strafford. In 1639 he published the work, "*De Scriptoribus Hiberniæ*," which he dedicated to that nobleman; and in the latter year he was returned member for the College in the Irish parliament. In 1644, on his return from an embassy to the king, he was taken at sea by a ship in the parliament's service, and confined ten months in the Tower of London, whence he returned to Dublin; but on its being surrendered in 1647, he was obliged by Colonel Jones's order to transport himself to France, where he

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

resided at St. Maloes, Caen, and Paris successively. In four years afterwards he was permitted to return to Ireland: in 1654 put out the first edition of his "Antiquities" and "Annals," and in 1656, the "*Opuscula Sancto Patricio adscripta.*" On the Restoration in 1661, he was reinstated in the office of Auditor-General, and was again selected to represent the University of Dublin in parliament. He was subsequently one of the commissioners for executing the king's declaration for the settlement of Ireland, and had an offer of the title of viscount, but declined it, while, at his request, the king granted him two blank baronets' patents, which he filled up, and disposed of to two friends. After publishing some other works equally effective with those alluded to, for the illustration of Irish history, and collecting, at his own expense, many valuable manuscripts, now principally in the library of Stowe, he died in 1666, at the age of seventy-three, and was buried in St. Werburgh's church.

For a notice of Ward in 1697, see at "Finglas."

Returning hence somewhat circuitously to the metropolis, a beautifully shaded road leads to

#### CLOGHRAN, NEAR HIDDART,

otherwise called Ballycoolane, a curacy annexed to the vicarage of Finglas. A solitary gable, in the midst of a burial ground, marks the site of the ancient church, the headstone of its own grave.

The parish extends over 778A. OR. 29P., in two townlands, and its population in 1831 was returned as but thirty-two persons. The average acreable rent is about two guineas, the wages of labour six shillings to those constantly employed, seven shillings to occasional labourers.

Although this place lies within the bounds of the parish of Castleknock, it was never subject thereto, and Archbishop Allen

says it was so small as scarce to deserve the name of a chapel. It belonged to the priory of All-Saints, and passed, with the other possessions of that monastery, to the mayor and commons of the city of Dublin. Accordingly the regal visitation of 1615 states the rectory as impropriate in that corporation, and that John Rice, the vicar of Castleknock, served the cure there.

After a short interval of attention to this locality, all-calculations, ecclesiastical and statistical, were, for a time, swept away in the exciting tumult of a hunt that overran the field of inquiry. The cries of the dogs, the cheers of the huntsmen, the shouts of the panting peasantry, fairly overcame the ordinary habits of thinking mortality, and the antiquary actually bolted somewhat awkwardly into the midst of the pack. He was, however, distanced at the first leap, but presently enjoyed the less dangerous luxury of tracing in the perspective, the windings and stratagems of the timid hare, now bounding on the meadows or scudding through the rugged furze, then lost in furrows and ditches, and again suddenly re-appearing in the eventful spring over walls and fences. The views, however, soon becoming doubtful, and the clamours faint, the business of the excursion was resumed amidst the woods of

#### ABBOTSTOWN,

a denomination partly the fee of Mr. Hamilton of Sheep Hill, and partly of the family of Mr. Locke of Athgoe. The churchyard is gloomily overshadowed with ancient trees, and contains no tombs of consequence but those of the Troy family, relatives of the late Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin.



An inquisition of 1547 finds that the tithes of Abbotstown belonged to the prebendary of Mullaghiddart, and were, with those of Damestown, of the annual value of £11 10s.

In 1615 Walter Dongan was seised of two messuages and sixty acres of ground here, which he held of the king, *in capite*, at an annual rent ;\* and in 1635 Patrick Mapas died, seised of a moiety of this town, which he held under the king, *in capite*, by military service.

In 1669 Abbotstown, with its appurtenances, two castles, six messuages, with their gardens, and seven acres of arable land, or thereabouts, were, with other possessions, granted to William Lord Viscount Dongan.

In 1697 Major Walter Delamer had a grant of a moiety, and one-third of a moiety of Abbotstown, 132A. at £2 13s. 5d. annual rent, for twenty-one years, which, with a portion of Blanchardstown, had been forfeited by Edward Sweetman.

In 1700 Sir Gregory Byrne, Baronet, claimed the residue of a leasehold interest in Abbotstown, for eighty-one years, from 1627, and his petition was allowed ; while, on the same occasion, Patrick Kinin, John Stanley, and Elizabeth Fitz Patrick, claimed, as the respective heirs of three co-heiresses, Misses Mapas, each an estate in fee in the third of a moiety of Abbotstown, and such their claims were allowed. Christopher Mapas also claimed the other two-thirds of said moiety, as forfeited by Edward Sweetman ; and in 1702 William Cairnes, of Dublin, purchased from the trustees of the forfeited estates the said moiety, and one-third of the other moiety of Abbotstown, 132A., as also the estate of Edward Sweetman, attainted.

A very pretty and sequestered road leads hence, overhanging the valley of the Tolka, to

#### DUNSINK,

where, on a solid limestone rock, (the site of an ancient fortress, as its first syllable indicates,) fronting

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

the east, the Observatory for Trinity College has been erected, on the liberal foundation and bequest of Dr. Francis Andrews, once Provost of that establishment. The mercury in the barometer stands there in 0,254 lower than at high water-mark at the Liffey in spring tides, the thermometer being in Dublin  $62^{\circ}$ , and at the observatory  $59^{\circ}$ . The horizon is remarkably extensive, without the smallest interruption on any side, save that on the south. The Wicklow mountains, distant about fifteen miles, rise about a degree and a half. These mountains afford a striking advantage when clouds are coming from the south: they are often arrested by them, leaving the space thence to the zenith serene, while to the east and west, where no such obstacles intervene, all is obscured by a flying scud. From east to south-east the sea is visible at the distance of about ten or twelve miles, a circumstance sometimes useful, while the light-house affords opportunities for observations on terrestrial refractions both by night and day. In particular states of the atmosphere, and more especially on the approach of severe weather, the Welch mountains are distinctly visible, particularly that ridge of hills which runs south-west to Point Braich-y-pwll, and bounds Caernarvon bay in that direction. In the first volume of the Royal Irish Academy's Transactions is given a very full description of this observatory and its instruments, by the late Doctor Usher, to which reference is, in the extension of this work, the more willingly made, as the present Astronomer Royal has stated, that he could not add any thing of general interest or necessary correction to what is there furnished.

The bequest of Dr. Andrews took place in 1774; but was not made available for some years. It amounted to £250 per annum, as a rent-charge for the Professor, and a sum of £3000 for the building and instruments. The first professor appointed was Dr. Henry Usher, who, dying in 1790, was succeeded by the celebrated Dr. Brinkley, subsequently Bishop of Cloyne, and he by the present Sir William Hamilton.

In the ancient notices of this locality it appears that the prior of the noble abbey of Newtown, near Trim, was from a very early period seised thereof; and that Alicia, sister of Richard de la Corner, Bishop of Meath, having, about the year 1240, founded the religious house of Lismullen, the said prior thereupon endowed that establishment with "the lands of Dunsink," reserving to himself and the priory only two pounds of wax, or twelve pence annually, in lieu thereof.\*

In 1403 the king granted to Thomas Bandy and Richard Stanyhurst the custody of one messuage and three carucates of land in Dunsink, recited to be then the property of the prior and convent of Little Malvern, in England, as long as the same should be in the king's hands;† but, as in the recognition of a better title, he subsequently committed the same to the custody of the prioress of the house of the Holy Trinity of Lismullen,‡ whom accordingly an inquisition of 1542 finds seised of (*inter alia*) five messuages and 240A. here, one messuage and 80A. in Scribblestown, &c.; and another of 1547, ascertains the value and extent of the tithes of this denomination. The rights and possessions of the prioress of Lismullen were, on the dissolution, demised by King Henry the Eighth, to Sir Thomas Cusack, for a term of years; the reversion of which was in 1557 granted to Gerald Earl of Kildare, and Mabel, his wife, in tail male.

On the failure of the issue male of said Gerald, the reversion having accrued to the crown,§ Richard Cooke, Esq. Chancellor of

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\* King's MSS. p. 116. † Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib. ‡ Ib. § Ib.

the Exchequer, obtained a grant in 1602 of the aforesaid 240A. with the customs in Dunsink, 80A. in Scribblestown, &c.

In 1623 Sir Francis Rushe died, seised of the town and fields of Dunsink, then stated as comprising 300A., and Scribblestown 100A., which he held of the king in free and common socage.\* Upon his decease his son Thomas succeeded thereto, and dying in 1629, Dunsink and Scribblestown were divided amongst his three daughters and co-heiresses, the eldest of whom was married to Sir Robert Loftus.†

In 1827 James Hans Hamilton, Esq. of Sheep Hill, purchased a chief rent of £10 4s. 8½d., charged upon both these townlands, and is now the chief proprietor of the fee.

On the lands here are found abundantly, the *juncus conglomeratus*, common rush; and *juncus effusus*, soft rush.—On the lawn, the *ophioglossum vulgatum*, common adder's tongue, flowering in July: and in the neighbouring wet ditches, *stellaria uliginosa*, bog stich-wort; *cnicus palustris*, marsh plume thistle, &c.

Passing from Dunsink, on the opposite side of the Tolka, lie the lands of

#### ASHTOWN,

where the Education Report of 1826 states a Protestant free school as then existing, attended by fifty pupils, and supported by an income of £100 per annum, defrayed by the trustees of the will of Mr. Morgan, hereafter more particularly mentioned.

The priory of St. John the Baptist, in Dublin, was from an early period seised of little Ashtown, which, on its dissolution, was granted to Richard Netterville, Esq.

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

In 1663, 152A. of this denomination were purchased from John Connel, of Pelletstown, to be annexed to the Phoenix Park. The remainder of the Connel property here was forfeited by the succeeding heir Maurice, in the confiscations of 1688, and was thereupon, together with 80A. in Irishtown, granted to Counsellor Thomas Keightley.

Ashtown gives title of Baron to the Trench family. Immediately near this, at

## CARDIFF'S BRIDGE,

or rather Kerdiff's Bridge, over the Tolka, are iron works, which employ about sixteen persons in winter, and ten in summer, in the manufacture of bar iron, spades, and shovels.

The place takes its name from the ancient family of Kerdiff, who were settled here and at Dunsink in the sixteenth century. At present the fee of this denomination is in Mr. Segrave. Though classed here in the order of the excursion, this locality has been hitherto accounted in the barony of Nethercross. In the sixteenth century the mill was the property of the Dillons of Cappock. See "Blanchardstown" in the year 1577.

The botany of Cardiff's Bridge and its vicinity is exceedingly interesting, presenting on every side *salvia verbenaca*, wild clary, the seeds when moistened become enveloped in dense mucilage; *alchemilla vulgaris*, common lady's mantle, a plant of which cows are said not to be fond, yet Haller, in his *Iter Helveticum*, says, that the astonishing richness of the milk in the famous dairies of the Alps, described by Scheuch-

zer is attributed altogether to the plenty of this plant, and that of the rib-wort plantain; *myosotis arvensis*, field scorpion grass; *lithospermum officinale*, common gromwell; *verbascum thapsus*, great mullein; *polygonum convolvulus*, black bindweed; *oxalis acetosella*, wood sorrel; *pyrus malus*, wild apple-tree; *rubus corylifolius*, hazel-leaved bramble; *cardamine hirsuta*, hairy lady's smock; *brassica napus*, rape; *geranium molle*, soft crane's bill; *geranium Pyrenaicum*, mountain crane's bill; *geranium rotundifolium*, round-leaved crane's bill; *trifolium filiforme*, slender yellow trefoil; *lotus corniculatus*, common bird's-foot trefoil; *tanacetum vulgare*, tansy.—On old walls, *glyceria rigida*, hard sweet grass.—In the moist fields, *lychnis flos cuculi*, ragged robin; *cnicus palustris*, marsh plume thistle; *scolopendrium vulgare*, common hart's tongue; *scirpus fluitans*, floating club-rush.

At the old mill-race and the hedges and ditches about it, *ligustrum vulgare*, common privet, deservedly ranked amongst the most elegant shrubs; the leaves are handsome, and the old stay on until driven off by the new. It bears an abundance of white pyramidal blossoms, which are succeeded by bunches of black berries, in allusion to which Virgil writes—

“Alba ligustra cadunt, vaccinia nigra leguntur;”

And in the Pastor Fido it is eulogised,

“Amarilli del candido ligustro  
Piu candida e piu bella;”

*smyrniurn olusatrum*, Alexanders; *galeobdolon luteum*, yellow archangel.—On the commons, *dipsacus*

*syvestris*, wild teazel; *chenopodium bonus Henricus*, mercury goose-foot.—On the dry pastures, *veronica officinalis*, common speedwell, with its blue blossoms; *alchemilla arvensis*, parsley piert; *potentilla fragariastrum*, barren strawberry.—On the way sides, *agrimonia eupatoria*, agrimony.

In the moist ditches, *stellaria uliginosa*, bog stich-wort; *polygonum persicaria*, spotted persicaria; *epilobium hirsutum*, great hairy willow herb; *hypericum quadrangulum*, square St. John's wort; *sium inundatum*, least water parsnip; *juncus conglomeratus*, common rush.—In other old ditches and hedges, *rosa arvensis*, white trailing rose; *fragaria vesca*, strawberry; *geum urbanum*, common avens; *mentha hirsuta*, hairy mint; *stachys sylvatica*, hedge woundwort; *hypericum quadrangulum*, square St. John's wort; *hypericum perforatum*, perforated St. John's wort; *geranium Robertianum*, herb Robert; *picris echioides*, bristly ox-tongue.—In the old thickets, at the adjacent banks of the Royal Canal, *tilia grandifolia*, broad-leaved lime tree.—In the shady, dry places, *glechoma hederacea*, ground ivy; *hieracium pilosella*, common mouse-ear hawkweed.—In the adjacent corn-fields, *galeopsis tetrahit*, common hemp nettle: and in the waste grounds and on the roofs of houses, *crepis tectorum*, smooth hawk's-beard; *arctium lappa*, common burdock; *carduus acanthoides*, welshed thistle, &c.

## CABRAGH,

i. e. the thicket, the last locality in this excursion, is also situated within the barony of Nethercross.

Here, in the midst of a well wooded demesne and well improved gardens, was the residence of Lord Norbury of facetious memory. Near it is a more ancient house, formerly the family mansion of the Seagraves, a descendant of whom has still a small inheritance in the vicinity. The latter edifice has been, with considerable additions, converted into a nunnery, to which are attached an extensive boarding school for young ladies, and a charity school, for upwards of 450 girls.

At the close of the thirteenth century King Edward the First granted the ploughland of Ballygossan, alias Cabragh Hill, to the prior of Holmpatrick. The prior of Ballybogan was also, from an early period, seised of several lands and tenements here, which the king, in 1404, granted to William Stockenbregge, of Dublin.\* For a notice in 1420, see at "Palmerstown;" and in 1484, at "Holmpatrick."

In 1487 the inhabitants and landholders of Little Cabragh were, by act of parliament, constituted electors of the city of Dublin. Accordingly, in 1499, Thomas Bermingham, having been sued for subsidy charged on the lands of Little Cabragh, as being within the county of Dublin, pleaded, that by the aforesaid statute the lands of Cabragh were, for the reasons therein mentioned, made part of the franchises of the city of Dublin; and that it was thereby enacted, that the inhabitants and tenants of the same should have and enjoy for ever all the liberties and freedoms

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.



of the city, in like manner as the citizens and denizens of same had and enjoyed them ; and further, that the tenants and residents of Cabragh should be thenceforward cleared and discharged of all impositions, taxes, charges, subsidies, &c. levied or leviable on the county of Dublin ; and that same should only be under the jurisdiction of the mayor, &c. of Dublin. This statute he pleaded at full length, and accordingly had judgment of exoneration, as to the lands above named, from all subsidy due in the county.\*

An inquisition in 1547 ascertained the value and extent of the tithes here, a moiety of which appertained to the economy of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Henry Segrave, or, as the name was more usually spelt, Sedgrave, was then seised of the lands of Little Cabragh, described as being "in the county of the city of Dublin," while the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, being at the same time seised in frankalmoigne of Much-Cabragh, 100*l.*, granted same to Francis Agard in fee.†

In 1609 Henry Pierse had a grant of the towns, villages, and lands of Much-Cabragh and Little Cabragh, containing 240*l.*, and therein stated to have been parcel of the possessions of St. Mary's Abbey, also of the town and lands of Kilmactalway, containing a messuage and 60*l.* the estate of the crown, a water-mill and water-course in the manor of Balgriffin, with all suits of mills and grinding of corn of the "tenants, as well bond as free," of the said manor, parcel of the estate of John Burnell, attainted.‡

In 1666 John Segrave, of Cabragh, appears among the signers of the Roman Catholic Remonstrance.

For a notice of a bequest for a charity school here in 1829, see at "Harold's Cross."

On old walls here the botanist will find *valeriana rubra*, red valerian ; *antirrhinum majus*, great snapdragon, flowering from June to August ; *cheiranthus fruticulosus*, wall flower ; *convolvulus minor vulgaris*, small bindweed.—On the roofs of the houses, *sem-*

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\* Roll. in Ch. Rememb. Off.

† Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

‡ Ib.

*pervivum tectorum*, house leek : while between this and Cardiff's Bridge are found *torilis anthriscus*, upright hedge parsley ; and the late flowering *althea officinalis*, marsh mallow. The roots of this latter possess well known medical properties.

## THE FIFTH EXCURSION.

Passing the city Marshalsea, the follower of this Excursion enters a district, once covered with the buildings and gardens of a religious house, the most magnificent and wealthy in Ireland—St. Thomas's Abbey. It subsequently delighted the eye yet more, with the busy dwellings of industrious tradesmen, but now only exhibits a densely accumulated pile of ruins, and filth, and poverty. Thence, through the Tenter Fields, and over the Earl of Meath's Liberties, into

## THE BARONY OF NEWCASTLE.

This barony has been assessed, according to the Return of 1824, as comprising 19,033A., of which 2723A. were deemed waste. It is ecclesiastically classed in eleven parishes, and those civilly subdivided into sixty-three townlands. The parishes are Saggard, Newcastle, Kilmactalway, Esker, Rathfarnham, Lucan, Kilmainham, Ballyfermot, Palmerstown, Cruagh, and Crumlin. The whole surface of this district rests on limestone, is level, and well watered by the rivers Liffey and Dodder.

In 1537 Justice Luttrell, detailing the circumstances of the Pale, says of this barony:—"Item, where the opinion of many is,

that the borders is best defended by kerns and galloglasses, experience *do* shew, in my conceit, otherwise; for the barony of Newcastle, adjoining to the Tooles, by the English husbands, inhabitants, and copy-freeholders thereof, and their great and sure villages, with their English bows and bills, have better defended the same marches, having no holding of no kern, horsemen, nor galloglasses, than any other march in this land, and yet they live still after an English sort and manner.”\*

In 1641 the quantity of land forfeited in this barony, was returned as 14,870 profitable acres, and 210 unprofitable, while the glebe-land was represented as 8A. 2R. 0P. The Down Survey, consequent upon those forfeitures, assigns the following as the mearings of this barony, and that of Uppercross. “On the north and north-east, they are bounded by the baronies of Dunboyne, Castleknock, Coolock, the river Liffey, and the liberties and city of Dublin. On the east and south-east by the half-barony of Rathdown in the county of Dublin and Wicklow county, on the south with the barony of Talbotstown, and on the south-west and north-west by the barony of Salt in the county of Kildare.”

The first county locality worthy of notice within it, in this direction, is

#### DOLPHIN’S BARNs.

Though, connected as this is with the ruinous Liberties before-mentioned, it seems rather a portion of the worst part of the city, yet, under its more ancient name of Carnaclogh, it discloses some interesting associations. At one end of this suburb is a small chapel, and at the other, a printers’ asylum was established in 1832.

Here in 1170, Dermot Mac Murrough, with the first army of his Welch allies, extending from Kilmainham, appeared in for-

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\* State Papers, temp. Hen. VIII. p. 507.

midable array before the city, here entrenched himself in the shadow of its walls, and here received the timid supplications of its inhabitants, to avert the consequences of a battle. Amongst the mediators on this occasion, the celebrated Archbishop Laurence O'Toole was especially commissioned to arrange the terms of peace, but, while the subject was yet under discussion, Raymond le Gros and Milo de Cogan, with a party of young men who were eager for plunder, scaled the walls, and at once possessed themselves of the city, with frightful carnage.\* The Ostmen, however, who were its principal defenders, and in truth its governors, escaped in their shipping to the Northern islands, with Hasculph, their leader, and whatever riches they possessed or could collect.

In 1612 the king granted to the Provost, Fellows, and Scholars of Trinity College, Dublin, and their successors (*intèr alia*), a park or close, and 84A. in Kilmainham, together with certain premises in this locality, to hold of the Castle of Dublin in common socage.

In 1666 James Duke of York had a grant of a mill here, and 40A. plantation measure adjoining; which were, on his attainder, granted in 1703 partly to William Hall of Dolphin's Barns, and the residue to Henry Piercy of Dublin.

In 1700 Oliver Cheney claimed the benefit of a leasehold interest in a portion of this denomination, but his petition was dismissed, while that of the above William Hall, for a similar interest in the mill and 27A. was allowed.

In 1727 Colonel Montgomery bequeathed to Doctor Stevens's hospital, a field of about an acre, and a right of commonage in Dolphin's Barns, which have continued in the possession of its governors since his decease. For a notice in 1728, see "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin" at that year.

In quarries adjacent to this locality, brown spar occurs in veins,† while the botanist will find in the shady places, *galeobdolon luteum*, yellow archangel, flowering in May and June.—In the hedges, *cheli-*

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\* Girald. Cambr. p. 770.

† Trans. Geol. Soc. vol. i. p. 272.

*donium minus*, pilewort.—On the walls, *erica sylvestris vulgaris*, common wild rocket.—And on the banks of the canal hence to Portobello, *carex remota*, remote sedge ; and *carex pendula*, pendulous sedge, flowering in May and June.

From Dolphin's Barns, the course descends into the valley, and next re-ascends to the sweetly situated village of

#### KILMAINHAM,

on whose highest point is situated an extensive and well-constructed gaol, and a sessions' house for the county business, where, likewise, the elections for its members take place. A manor court is also held here, the bounds of whose jurisdiction embrace Irwin-street, part of James's-street, and other minor streets, forming continuous lines of houses between the city, properly so called, and the Circular Road ; no portion of it, however, is within the county of the city ; westward it extends into the county as far as Chapelizod and Lucan. That excellent resident nobleman, Lord Cloncurry, being its proprietor, appoints the seneschal.

The cemetery is, perhaps, the most extensive in the British empire, comprising three acres and a half of the old Irish measure. It commands a noble view of the crowded city, the winding Liffey, and all the improvements of the Viceregal Park, but the sense of what is present is there absorbed in the recollections of the past ; the silent, sequestered grave-

yard wears the moral sublimity of its vicissitudes, and the old trees eloquently discourse with the winds, of the destinies they have survived, and the dead they overshadow.

Here the founder of the illustrious race of O'Brien sat down with his few, but fearless followers, for one whole year, before the memorable battle that emancipated his country. Here, in the very eye of her tyrants, he gathered those companions in arms, who, with his guidance and example, effectuated the glorious achievement, and here tradition still points to a singularly tall headstone in the cemetery, as marking the spot where was interred his beloved son, the victim of his own generosity. Another century and an half having passed away, a far different scene was enacted on this same theatre. Here the dissolute and discontented Dermot Mac Murrough assembled the first importation of his Welch adventurers, menaced the metropolis, and ultimately became accessory to that treacherous visitation of slaughter, detailed in the preceding article. Here the stern Strongbow founded that military monastery, whose priors were influential lords of the Irish parliament, and frequently the governors and chancellors of the island. Here they walked abroad in their days of nature, the mitred chieftains of extensive territories, surrounded by those votive knights, who had torn the crescent from the walls of Jerusalem, and in this, as the last dormitory, the religious enthusiasm, that hurried them over the world, found its ultimate repose with the frames it animated. On this spot of earth, in the fifteenth

century, the prior mustered those illustrious Irishmen that did such commended service with the Fifth Henry, before the stubborn walls of Rouen. But, "the pride of former days" is gone, the gardens and the monastery, once the finest structure in the kingdom, have vanished; even the sod, that was laid over the distinguished brave, has for centuries, in the impartiality of death's victories, been raised for pauper inhumation, and, in the recent awful infliction of cholera, the mass of its victims was here deposited. The prospect, however, still wears features of a deep, but different interest; the natural attractions of river, valley, woods, and hills remain, but the spectator now beholds them embellished by an extended and beautified city, a royal park dedicated to public recreation, thriving and extensive factories, and, in the immediate vicinity, some of the finest institutions of national gratitude and private benevolence. The parish is also called Kilmainham, and has been assessed to the ancient subsidies, and the more modern road presentments, as extending over 1200A., of which, 441A. are included in the Phoenix Park.

In 1606 St. Magnend, whose festival is observed on the 18th of December, was abbot of this place,\* to which he gave the name Kill-Magnend, corrupted into Kilmainham; and in 782 the Annals of the Four Masters record the death of Leargus O'Fidhchain, philosopher of Kilmagnend.

In 1013 the Danes of Dublin, aided by the King of Leinster, having ravaged Meath, Melaghlin, king of that province, applied to the monarch, Brian Boromhe, for assistance, who thereupon marched his army into Leinster, and pitched his camp at Kilmain-

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\* Acta Sanct. pp. 584 and 713.



ham, (as before suggested,) where he remained from the August of that year until Christmas, but finding he could not succeed in bringing the Danes or Lagenians to action, he then broke up his quarters and returned, laden, however, with spoils and prisoners, to his celebrated palace at Kincora.

In 1014, according to popular tradition, his son Murrough, who was killed at the battle of Clontarf, was buried here near an ancient stone cross,\* and a remarkably tall headstone is still designated as commemorating his grave. It is of coarse-grained granite. About forty years ago, having fallen from its pedestal, it was again set up, on which occasion a number of coins of the Danish kings, the only minted money known in Ireland in the eleventh century, were found at its base; and with them a fine sword of the same period, possibly that of the prince. The latter relic of antiquity was deposited with the Commander of the Forces, who had it placed in the hall belonging to his apartments, where it still remains. For further particulars relative to Kilmainham, see "Clontarf," and the account of the celebrated battle there. Here it was that, after that engagement, the victors encamped, and were joined by Donogh, the son of Brian, who had been sent on a predatory expedition into Leinster, whence he returned with immense booty, out of which he forthwith caused several rich offerings to be presented, in pious remembrance of his father and brother, to the Archbishop of Armagh, and the religious community established there. Contrasting this Easter of chastened triumph, which the gallant deliverers of their country passed here, with the servile despondence with which Danish tyranny was endured in the sister country, Mr. Moore writes:—"The very same year, which saw Ireland pouring forth her assembled princes and clans to confront the invader on the sea-shore, and there make of his myriads a warning example to all future intruders, beheld England unworthily cowering under a similar visitation, her king a fugitive from the scourge in foreign lands, and her nobles purchasing by inglorious tribute a short respite from aggression; and, while in the English annals for this year, we find little else than piteous lamentations over the fallen and broken spirit both of rulers and people,

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\* Harris's Dublin.

in the records of Ireland the only sorrows, which appear to have mingled with the general triumph, are those breathed at the tombs of the veteran monarch, and the numerous chieftains who fell in that struggle by his side.”\*

When Dublin was besieged by Roderic O’Conor and his adherents, the Prince of Thomond took his station at Kilmainham, and soon afterwards Strongbow founded here, on the site of the ancient abbey, a house for Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem,† to which King Henry the Second granted his confirmation, and further exempted the establishment from all ordinary jurisdiction. Attached to this priory were an alms-house and hospital for the sick.‡ Hugh de Clahull was the first prior.

King Henry the Second having subsequently enfeoffed Hugh Tyrrel the elder in the lands of Kilmahallock, with the appurtenances, together with the moiety of the river Liffey, as far as the water-course near the gallows, Hugh bestowed the said lands on the prior of this hospital, and, with the concurrence of his brother Roger, further granted to said prior, Chapelizod and Kilmainham free from all secular services and burdens, with all liberties and free customs in wood, meadows, pastures, &c. The witnesses to this latter deed (it may be interesting to remark) were Richard Tyrrel, William de Ryvers, Pagan Hacket, &c. The first witness was the son of the grantor Hugh, and he confirmed his father’s donation by a subsequent deed.

The order of Knights Templars, it is here to be observed, was founded in Jerusalem, in 1118, for the security of the Christian pilgrims; and having a residence assigned to them near the Holy Temple, by King Baldwin, they took from it their name. They made professions in the presence of the patriarch, following first the rules of the Canons Regular, but subsequently others prescribed for their use by St. Bernard.

In 1194 David was the second prior of this house.

In 1200 King John granted in favour of the city of Dublin, that neither the Knights Templars nor the Hospitallers should

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\* Moore’s Hist. of Ireland, vol. ii. p. 127.

† For an account of this order, see *ante*, “Clontarf.”

‡ Archbishop King’s MSS. p. 1.

hold any person or any message whatsoever exempt from the common customs of the city, one alone excepted. In two years afterwards the Hospitallers of this house gave the king two "pal-freys," in consideration of their obtaining a patent exempting them from being impleaded elsewhere than before his majesty.\*

In 1205 Maurice de Prendergast was prior; and in the same year Jordan Lochant had a grant to him and his heirs of certain lands in Kilmainham.† In 1211 Walter de Lacy gave the advowson of the church of St. Columb of Kells, and nine carucates of land, in the manor of Kells, to David de Castelle, then prior of this house; and in 1212 Pope Innocent the Third confirmed all the possessions of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem in Ireland. In 1220 William de Evoyayes was prior of this house; and for a notice in this year regarding the adjacent fishery, see at "the Liffey."

In 1228 King Henry granted to the knights the advowson of the church of Chapel-Isod, and a full exemption from toll in markets and fairs.‡ In 1231 John de Callan was prior.

In 1235 a contest between this priory and the Bishop of Meath, concerning the right of patronage to the churches of Moylagh, Donagh-Patrick, Taveragh, Kells, Dungrey, Ardmulchan, Leckno, Kiltanton, Dromore, Dullardstown, and Kinevellane, was thus awarded:—To the knights, Moylagh, saving to the vicar twelve marks; Donagh-Patrick, saving to the vicar fifteen marks; Taveragh, saving to the vicar ten marks; Leckno and Dungrey, saving to the vicars, according to their incomes; four marks yearly were also adjudged to be paid to the priory out of Kiltalton; but the knights were for ever to quit claim to Kells, Ardmulchan, Dromore, Dullardstown, and Kinevellane.

In 1248 Nicholas de St. Edward, then prior, made a mutual league of friendship with the prior of the Holy Trinity, to assist and defend each other and their properties on all lawful occasions. His immediate successor was Thomas de Hackenwell, who died soon after.

In 1249 Pope Innocent the Fourth directed a bull to the abbot of St. Thomas, Dublin, and the dean of the cathedral church

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\* Rot. 3 John in Turr. Lond.

† Rot. in Turr. Lond.

‡ Rot. Claus. in Canc. Hib.

of Kildare, enjoining them to inquire into a complaint made by the preceptor of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, setting forth, that Thomas de Eymule, clerk, Richard de Haddesore, knight, and some other persons of the dioceses of Armagh, Derry, and Dublin, had greatly injured the said knights in their lawful possession of the churches of Dunbeaghi, Dunler, and Keren, to them of full right belonging, in their tithes, possessions, &c., and ordering the said referees to rectify the whole matter of complaint.

In 1253 this fraternity obtained a most ample charter of privileges and protection from King Henry. In 1260 Henry Kyriell died, prior of this house.

In 1274 William Fitz Roger, the prior, was taken prisoner with several others, by the Irish, at Glyndelory, when many of the friars were slain. In 1279 this prior, having departed for the Holy Land, was commanded by the king to return to Ireland for the defence of the kingdom. He alleged, however, that his superior, Hugh Revell, had, on the other hand, commanded that he should repair to him in the Holy Land, whereupon the king, by his sovereign authority, enforced his mandate of return, under pain of having all the lands and goods belonging to the priory seized and confiscated.\* The prior, in this dilemma, preferred obeying the royal mandate, and was thereupon, in the same year, constituted justice in eyre for a portion of Munster. In 1280 King Edward confirmed the privileges and possessions of this house; and in 1284 Nicholas Taaffe granted all his lands of Killergy to its master, who in 1289 recovered from the abbot of Dunbrody five carucates of land in Crook.

In 1292 William Fitz Roger, who still continued prior, was chief justice. On his secession, Thomas de Hockewell was prior, who presented to this hospital all his lands and tenements in Cloghran-garran, Sanfinvil, and Ballypian, together with the commonage of the Red Moor.† In the following year, David de Castelle was prior.

In 1294 the name of William Fitz Roger again occurs as prior, and in the following year he sued William, the son of Richard de Crook, and Isabella his wife, for the moiety of a messuage with its

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\* Rymer's Foedera, v. iii. p. 174.

† King's MSS. p. 69.

appurtenances in Corballysward, he also sued Roger Fitz Thomas for the moiety of another messuage in the same town, alleging that both of them were the right and property of this hospital, and unjustly alienated. In the same year he sued Reis de Stokes for thirteen acres of land in Athcarne, similarly alienated.

In 1296 William de Rosse, prior of this house, was made Lord Deputy of Ireland, in which office he continued during the following year. In 1298 William de Haghham, the prior, was custos or guardian of the hereditary estate of David de Rupe, in which year Elias de Bristow released to this prior all his right in three messuages and seven shops, with their appurtenances in Dublin, together with all other lands and tenements which he might afterwards acquire in Ireland.\*

In 1300 William de Lisbon granted to this priory all his lands of Clonmore, Fermofin, Magherenlin, and Ternagarran, together with the town of Corriglidan; soon after which, Walter de Euias was prior.† This latter presented a clerk to the church of Stackfythenan, who was to pay thereout annually to the prior and hospital, the sum of five shillings.

In 1301 William de Rosse was again prior and Lord Deputy of Ireland, and sat as Chief Justice at Cork. He recovered for the priory two carucates and thirty acres of land, with their appurtenances, in Loohdavekin in the county of Waterford.‡ In the same year, Matilda de Lacy, widow of David, Baron of Naas, for the health of her soul, and the souls of her husband, father, and mother, granted to this priory forty acres of land in Cooly, together with the advowson of the church of Carlingford, free from all secular services and demands:—Witnesses, Henry de Hadley, Gilbert de Penthony, — Hadsore, Adam de Staunton, William Talon, Simon de Clinton, John Saule, Richard Fairstawe, Roger Gernon, knight, John de Coly, § &c., and in the same year the prior granted to the Archbishop of Armagh, the advowson of the church of Barnemyth (Barmeath).

In 1302 William, Master of the Templars, preferred his complaint against John Woodlock, sheriff of the county of Dublin, and others, for that they had seised of his, the said Master's goods

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\* King's MSS.

† Ib.

‡ Ib.

§ Ib.

and property, sixteen cows and 279 hogrils, and sold each cow, which was worth half a mark, for four shillings, and each hogril, which was worth eighteen pence, for eight pence. The defendant answered, that he was enjoined by the Court of Exchequer, to levy twenty marks on the Master, in which sum he was fined for not appearing with such forces and men-at-arms, as he was assessed at by the King's Council. The preceptor of the religious house at Clontarf appeared and showed that the Master and his predecessors were, by charters granted by two kings of England, always free from that burthen, and the sheriff was therefore cast, and damages given against him for £6 19s. 6d.\* In the following year Richard de Kerby, prior, sued the Abbot of Loughkee, for the advowson of the church of Stigaugh.†

In 1304 the said prior granted to Simon Taveny, the great tithes of the church of Clare, at the annual rent of thirty-four marks, he keeping the buildings thereon in good order and condition; and at the same time, the prior recovered from William Spinell six acres of land, and from Geoffry Bryn one messuage, all in St. Johnstown near Tullyophelim, which they held for services for a term then expired.

In 1307 Walter de Waters being prior, Edward the Second transmitted to John Wogan, Justiciary of Ireland, the order for the suppression of the Knights Templars in England, enjoining him to have the same executed in Ireland without delay, and before the rumour of what was done in England could reach this kingdom. The mandate was accordingly executed, and on the morrow of the Purification, the Templars were every where seized. At this time the fraternity had, besides this house, eight preceptories or commanderies throughout the island. See more largely on this suppression, at "Clontarf." For records of Kilmainham in 1308 and 1309, see at "Chapelizod."

In the latter year, the king further commanded the apprehension of the Templars in Ireland, and their imprisonment in the castle of Dublin. Gerald, the fourth son of Maurice Lord of Kerry, was the last grand prior of that order. At which time, it was found that the churches of Crevagh (Cruagh), in the deanery

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\* King's MSS.

† Ib.

of Tawny, Chapelizod, Ballyfermot, Kilmainham, Tachfithenan, and Rathnavis, did all belong to this priory.\*

In 1310 the prior of this house was one of those who sat in the parliament of Kilkenny, some of whose enactments are yet extant.† In the following year, on the petition of Henry Danet, late Master of the Templars, and the other brethren of that order, the king granted for their support the manors of Kilclogan, Crooke, and Kilbarry;‡ while this priory, which was granted to the knights of the order of St. John the Baptist formally, but in fact to the order of St. John the Evangelist, was principally appropriated for the reception of guests and strangers, to the exclusion of the sick and infirm who had constant admittance there before; the offerings of charity, however, still continued to be liberally disbursed at its gates.

In 1316 Roger Utlough was prior under the new order of things, and in the following year the manor of Chapel-Izod was granted to him in fee-farm, at the annual rent of forty marks, saving to the crown the knights' fees and advowsons of churches.§

In 1318 he was Lord Treasurer of Ireland, and bound himself and his successors in the sum of £300, to permit the Archbishop of Dublin, or, during vacancy, the chapter, to exercise episcopal jurisdiction, and the archdeacon his rights in Rathmore and the neighbouring churches. He soon afterwards further stipulated for the annual payment of ten pounds of wax on St. Patrick's day, by way of pension, for the church of Rathmore, and, in case of failure in the payment thereof, the chapters were empowered to sequester the tithes of that parish.||

In 1317 the Lord Deputy assembled a parliament here, one of whose first acts was to liberate Richard de Burgo, Earl of Ulster, who had been arrested and imprisoned by the mayor and commons of Dublin, on suspicion of having solicited the invasion of Bruce and his Scots. In the following year, King Edward, on account of the great charitable disbursements issuing from this establishment, granted that all deodands, accruing in Ireland for the ensuing year, should be paid towards the support of the poor

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\* King's MSS.    † Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.    ‡ King's MSS.  
§ Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.    || Dign. Dec.

flocking to its fraternity. For a notice of Kilmainham in 1318, see at "Chapelizod."

In 1320 the prior sued William Taaffe of Smarmor, for a carucate of land in Croynkstown near Lumleth, which he held by certain services, and which being neglected, the grant became null and void. On the same account, he sued Richard Ryther for a mill and three acres of land in St. Johnstown near Cork. In the four following years, this prior was Lord Chancellor of Ireland, about which time the churches of Ardmaile and Ballysheehan, in the county of Tipperary, were found to belong to the Knights Templars.\*

In 1323 John de Lymbeth granted to the hospital, sixty-two carucates of land in Colinstown near Moreton, at the usual services, and at the annual rent of £1 16s. 8d.† In 1324 the prior of this house, and Nicholas, Bishop of Ardfert, held the town of Ardfert in division between them, in like manner as their predecessors had done.‡ The registry of the charters of this hospital, from 1325 to 1350, is in the Clarendon Manuscripts.

In 1326 Roger Utlaugh, the prior, was again Lord Chancellor, in which year he granted to Master Nicholas de Ross, a civilian, an annual pension of twenty shillings in silver, for defending the rights of the hospital in the ecclesiastical court, but at the cost and charge of the said hospital; and in the same year he assigned to William de Wideworth, a messuage in the city of Dublin, "near le Bothe-street, (now called Fishamble-street), opposite to the pillory."§ By an inquisition of like date, it was found that Henry de Cogan, in the reign of Henry the Third, granted to William Fitz Roger, prior of this hospital, three messuages, with their appurtenances, in Shandon in the county of Cork, in perpetuity, which were subsequently demised by the priors.

In 1327 Roger Utlaugh, continuing in the offices of Prior and Lord Chancellor, was likewise appointed Lord Deputy, soon after which he was accused of heresy by the Bishop of Ossory, but was, on examination of the charges, honourably acquitted, and continued in his high offices. In the same year the king confirmed the possessions of this house; in 1331 further granted to this priory

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\* King's MSS.

† Ib.

‡ Ib.

§ Ib.



the advowson of the church of Ballygarry in the diocese of Dublin, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging; and in the following year issued a commission to the prior, to treat with the heads of the Irish rebels, and to receive them into his special grace and favour, on such terms as he, the prior, should think most expedient, and on promises of future obedience and allegiance.\*

In 1333 this fraternity had another royal confirmation of their possessions, and in the same year, on account of the good services done for this house by William de Kardelby, the prior granted him an annuity of £40, with power, if it should be in arrear for fifteen days, of making a distress on either the house of Kilmainham or that of Kilmainhambeg.†

In 1334 Roger Utlaugh, still continuing Prior and Lord Chancellor, granted to John Joyce, chaplain, the church of St. Michael, Wexford, with all the profits thereof for life, at the annual rent of four marks of silver, he taking proper care that the church should be well attended, and all taxes, burdens, &c. thereunto belonging duly discharged. In 1335 the same prior and chancellor was made deputy to Sir John D'Arcy, Lord Justice of Ireland, in which year he granted an annual pension of 13s. 4d. to Adam de Kingston, clerk and public notary, to execute the business of the priory whenever he should be required, at their proper charge. He also assigned to Bartleby Clarke for life, the church of Ballygarry with its profits, in lieu of a pension of £40 formerly given to him; and to Hamond de Lee he granted the office of park-keeper of Kilmainham, with the daily allowance of a white loaf, and a household loaf, a flaggon of the best ale, and one of the second kind, and a dish of meat from the kitchen, with half a mark of silver annually for shoes.‡ In 1338 Utlaugh further granted to Master Walter de Islip for life, a corrody or entertainment for himself, two armigers or upper servants, a chamberlain, and another servant, five boys and five horses; the said Walter to sit on the right hand of the prior at his own table, thereby to be more commodiously served, as well in eating as drinking; the chaplain to have his place at the table with the brethren of the house, and the ser-

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\* Prynne, 4th Instit. p. 270.

† King's MSS.

‡ Ib.

vants with those of the prior of the same rank; that his pad and other horses should have the same forage, &c. with the prior's; that at the feast of the Nativity he should have annually a gown, and four garments of the better kind of cloth, the same as the prior's, or in lieu thereof, five marks of silver, at his own option; that the chaplain should be clothed in like manner as the brethren, and the servants as those of the prior, one suit at the feast of the Nativity, in every second year, or oftener if the prior should make a distribution of clothes, or allowances in silver in case such clothing was not so given, with certain quantities of bread and ale, and from the kitchen beef, mutton, or pork, raw or dressed, at his own option, together with roast meat or soup, and that his servants should have the same fare as the prior's; that he should have a kitchen, stable, &c.\* Other grants of similar corrodies occur in the records of this house. In 1340 the aforesaid Roger Utlough, being then Prior, Chancellor, and Lord Justice of Ireland, died at Any, "a prudent and an upright man, who, by his care and the special favour and license of the king, had procured many lands, churches, and rents for this order."† He was succeeded by John Mareschall.

In 1341 John le Archer was Prior and Lord Chancellor, at which time he sued the Archbishop of Dublin for the church of Dunbyn. The parties waged their battle, and appointed champions, but the suit was compromised. In 1342 this prior and Thomas Wogan were sent to King Edward the Third from the parliament of Kilkenny, in reference to the redress of several misdemeanors and grievances committed by the king's officers, and much to the prejudice of his majesty and his good subjects. The Council, thereupon, gave their answers, which obtaining the royal assent, were commanded to be observed in Ireland for the future. In 1344 the same prior was again Lord Chancellor, as also in the following year.

In 1346, on Palm Sunday, Sir Ralph de Ufford, Lord Justice of Ireland, died in this priory. His body was carried to England, and there interred.‡ The prior le Archer was thereupon appointed his successor, about which time he and his brethren of the Hospi-

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\* King's MSS.

† Clynne's Annals.

‡ Ib.

tal claimed many and singular privileges in their manors and lands. In the same year the prior granted a subsidy of forty marks, the better to enable the king to resist his Irish enemies.\*

In 1348 John Tyllock, being prior, recovered from John Rych a tenement in John-street, Cork.† In 1349 John le Archer was again prior and chancellor, in the enjoyment of which offices he died, whereupon the preceptor of the Hospital, William de Chichester appeared in court before the judges, and there delivered up the great seal.‡ John Fitz Richard succeeded as prior. He and a friar of the Hospital were sued, as the record states, for unjustly detaining

Two pieces of cloth of murray, value . .	10 marks.
One piece of cloth, called bockhome . .	20 shillings.
Twelve yards of cloth—value of each yard,	2 shillings.
One hundred yards of canace—price of do.	3 shillings.
One piece of buckram, value . . . . .	half a mark.
Two pounds of saffron . . . . .	10 shillings.
Two pounds of ginger . . . . .	40 pence.
Two pounds of pepper . . . . .	3 shillings.
Two pounds of Wibourne thread . . . .	3 shillings.
Two pounds of thread, called bithrede . .	3 shillings.

The result of this curious accusation is not recorded.

In 1356 John de Frowick, the Prior, was also Lord Chancellor.§ In the following year Thomas de Burley was Prior and Lord Chancellor for a short time, when John de Frowick was again appointed to these offices,|| and a confirmation of their privileges was granted to this fraternity.¶ In 1359 Thomas de Burley was re-appointed Prior and Lord Chancellor, both which offices he held conjointly until 1363, and continued prior long after.\*\* In the same year (1359) Thomas Cor and his sons, William and Roger, having forged letters of credence from this prior, purporting to appoint them the collectors of charitable funds for this establishment, the king issued his mandate for their apprehension and imprisonment.††

\* King's MSS.

† Ib.

‡ Ib.

§ Harris's Table.

|| Ib.

¶ Ib.

\*\* Ib.

†† Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

In 1360 the guardian of this priory was summoned to attend a great council held at Dublin;\* in which year the prior petitioned the king, setting forth, that although the manor of the Salmon Leap was held by him in fee farm from the crown, free from secular assessments, yet the collectors of a state subsidy had compelled his tenants to contribute thereto, whereupon a *supersedeas* issued to prevent the exaction.† It also appears by a record of this period, that the prior was then seised of a messuage and two carucates of land in the Naul; and in the same year the king issued his mandate for restoring to the hospital various lands and rents which had been aliened from it.‡

In 1363 a precept issued to the sheriff of the county of Waterford, to distrain the goods, and to take into safe custody the bodies of John Malpas, mayor of Waterford, and William Lombard and Richard Brysbane, bailiffs of the said city, being charged with taking toll of the goods belonging to the Prior and Hospital of Kilmainham, and exposing them to public sale in the said city of Waterford.§

From records of 1365 it appears, that the prior's salary of chancellor was paid by an acquittance for £40 out of the rent payable by him for the manors of the Salmon Leap and Chapel-Izod.

In 1368 Thomas de Burley, being still Prior and Lord Chancellor, was sent by the Lord Deputy, in conjunction with several other commissioners, to hold a parley with "the rebellious Berminghams," who treacherously seized the said commissioners. James Bermingham, then a prisoner at Trim, was thereupon exchanged for the prior, but the others were compelled to pay their ransom.||

In 1371 William Tany was Prior, and in the succeeding year was Lord Chancellor and Lord Deputy, all which offices he held until the close of the year 1373. In the Close Rolls occur frequent liberates for his salary of £40 per annum. In 1373 and 1375 the prior was summoned to parliaments held in Dublin;¶ and in 1376 had exemption from the performance of military service for the possessions of his house, in consideration of the numerous chaplains maintained in the establishment for divine service,

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\* Rot. Claus. in Canc. Hib.

§ King's MSS.

¶ Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib. ‡ Rot. in Turr. Lond.

|| Cox's Hist. of Ireland.

and the works of charity performed there.\* In 1377 he was again summoned to attend a parliament at Castledermot.†

In 1379 Peter Holt appears as prior for a short time, when William Tany was re-appointed, and in the succeeding year sworn Lord Chancellor; soon after which Maurice de Prendergast became Master of this Hospital,‡ and in 1380 was summoned to attend a parliament in Dublin,§ as also in 1381.||

In 1386 Richard White was prior, and in the following year was Lord Chancellor and Lord Justice, to which appointments was added the office of Lord Treasurer in 1388. In 1394 his brother, Richard White, was appointed prior; and in 1396 was found, on inquisition, possessed of the churches of Ballygaveran and Galmoy, in the diocese of Ossory.¶

In 1397 Peter Holt was prior, as was Robert White in 1400, who in the following year was succeeded by Thomas le Bottiller, commonly called Boccagh, an illegitimate son of James Earl of Ormonde. In 1402 Robert White was again prior, and in 1403 was, with Gerald Earl of Kildare, and nine of the principal men of the kingdom, selected by the clergy of the diocese of Kildare, and by the chief persons of that county, in a council held before the Lord Deputy at the new castle of Lyons, to order and settle matters for the safety and defence of said county.

In 1408 Lord Thomas of Lancaster was wounded at Kilmainham, and “hardly escaped death.”\*\* In 1410 and the three following years Thomas le Bottiller was Prior and Lord Chancellor. In 1414 King Henry the Fifth granted to Sir Walter de la Hoyde for life the annual sum of forty marks, payable by the prior of this hospital for the manors of Salmon Leap and Chapel-Izod. In 1415 William Fitz Thomas was Prior and Lord Chancellor, and so continued during several ensuing years; and in 1417 Prior Fitz Thomas was a witness to the king’s charter granted to the city of Dublin.

In 1418, according to sundry ancient chronicles, Thomas Bottiller, being again the Prior of Kilmainham, “came out of Ireland”

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

‡ King’s MSS.

§ Rot. in Canc. Hib.

|| Ib.

¶ King’s MSS.

\*\* Marleburgh’s Chronicle.

with a great quantity of Irish (*bien huict mille*, according to St. Remy,) "in mail, with darts and skeyna," to assist King Henry the Fifth at the siege of Rouen. Other annalists minutely fix their position at the siege, as that they kept the way which led from the forest of Lyons, while Hall adds, that "they did so their devoir, as that none were more praised, nor did more damage to their enemies." In 1419 this warlike prior, having died in Normandy, was succeeded in that office by John Fitz Henry.

In 1438 Thomas Fitz Gerald, grandson of Thomas Earl of Kildare, died prior; at which time, the manor of Kilsaran, belonging to this hospital, and valued at 100 marks per annum, was seised into the king's hands, and so continued down to 1444, towards the liquidation of £300 forfeited by the said Fitz Gerald breaking his recognizance.

In 1440 the prior of Kihmainham, then a secular nobleman, accused the Earl of Ormonde of treason; and "they should have fought at Smithfield," adds an ancient chronicle, "but that the king took up the matter."

In 1441 two of the brothers of this prior, with a body of "Irish enemies" and "English rebels," forming an ambuscade at Kilcock, surprised and took prisoner Sir William Wellesley, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, slew many of his train, and detained himself until they extorted ransom for his deliverance, whereupon the prior was considered an accomplice in the transaction, and summoned to answer therefore, under pain of seizure of all the possessions of his house.\* For a notice in 1444, see at "Newcastle."

In 1448 Thomas Talbot the prior was appointed Deputy Chancellor. He charged his predecessor with having carried away the hospital seal, and therewith made many unlawful grants; upon which petition the parliament annulled the conveyances so alleged to have been made; but it would seem without just cause, for Fitz Gerald was again appointed prior, and so continued until 1456, when Sir Thomas Talbot succeeded, as did James Keating in 1461, against whom, immediately on his induction, Sir Robert Dowdall, Deputy Lord Treasurer and Justice of the Chief Bench, formally complained to parliament, averring, that going in pilgri-

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\* Rot. Claus. in Canc. Hib.

mage to St. Glanoke's, he was assaulted near Clonliffe, on the road from Dublin, by the said prior, with a drawn sword, and that said prior refused to appear and answer the king for the contempt, or him, Dowdall, for the trespass. On this complaint it was enacted, that proclamation should be made for said prior to appear in person in the Chief Bench on a given day, to make answer thereto, and, if he did not so appear, he should be convicted, and pay a fine of £100 to the king, and 100 marks to Sir Robert for damages. This act was, however, declared void in the following year, no mention being made in which Chief Bench he should appear, whether in Ireland or in England; and the said prior being then in England by the king's command, attending business relating to the good and prosperity of this realm. At the same parliament, on the petition of this prior, all manner of feoffments, leases, grants of fees for annuities, rent-charges, &c. made under the common seal of the Hospital by Thomas Fitz Gerald or by Thomas Talbot, were declared void, Keating alleging, that the said Fitz Gerald and Talbot were not legal priors.\* A further act of favour was passed, confirming all privileges, grants, and free gifts, made to the prior and friars of Kilmainham, from the time of King John, with the exemplifications of their several grants.†

In the Act of Resumption of 1468, a saving was introduced, that it should not be prejudicial to the prior of this Hospital, in the receipt of an annuity of twenty marks, granted by the king to John Cornwallsh and others, in trust for the use of said prior, out of the manors and seigniories of Chapel-Izod and Leixlip, nor to a grant lately made to said prior of sundry mines within the lands of said Hospital, nor to any pardon granted to him, nor any grant made to the College of Kilmainham, it being a royal foundation.‡

In 1471 the lands of Hawlegeth, with the church of St. Fittan, which had been granted to this Hospital by Richard Reade, were confirmed to them by act of parliament. Another act enabled the fraternity to purchase or take certain estates, notwithstanding the statute of Mortmain. A third discharged them from all liability to subsidies on account of grants from King Henry the Third and other kings. A fourth statute obliged all persons claiming rights

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\* Harris's MS. Collections, vol. v.

† Ib.

‡ Ib.

to churches or lands, devised in frankalmoigne to this Hospital, to appear on an appointed day before the Justice of the Chief Bench, and establish their right, or else to be foreclosed. A further protection was passed in their behalf respecting a grant made of the church of St. John, in the town of Wexford, by William Marshal, Earl of Pembroke ; while it was also enacted, that Prior Keating should be obliged, notwithstanding his privilege, to appear in the Chief Bench, and answer Malachy Malone, Dean of Kil-dare, in a suit for a lease of the commandery of Tully.

In 1474 an individual, styled Dr. Marcellus, a foreigner from Rome, was, under an act of parliament, compelled to depart the kingdom, and whoever should receive or entertain him were subjected to the consequences of felony. The act, however, contained a saving, that it should not prejudice this Hospital, of which the prior taking advantage, sheltered Marcellus, until a fresh enactment prohibited the continuance of this hospitality beyond two months, under pain of forfeiting the temporalities of the house.\* This sturdy and refractory prior, however, having been soon after Constable of the Castle of Dublin, fortified it with men-at-arms against Henry Lord Grey, then Deputy Lieutenant of Ireland, broke down the draw-bridge thereof, and disputed the viceroy's authority ; wherefore, in a parliament held in 1478, it was enacted, that he should cause the said bridge to be substantially and sufficiently repaired before the following Christmas, agreeably to a plan and estimate, or that otherwise his office of prior should be void, and the Lord Deputy be at liberty to appoint a guardian or custodee of said priory, until the Grand Master of Rhodes, or the Prior of St. John of London should elect a new superior.† In the same year it was enacted by parliament, that all lands, temporal and ecclesiastical, which were alienated by former priors of this hospital, should be resumed for the use of the said house, and particularly the lands of Duncormack in the county Wexford.‡ In 1479 Prior Keating was one of the celebrated society of St. George ; but in 1482, under representation of the preceding circumstances, was deprived of his dignity by Peter Daubusson, Grand Master of Rhodes, for disobedience and mal-administration, and

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\* Harris's Collect. vol. v.

† Ib.

‡ King's MSS.



Marmaduke Lumley appointed his successor. On the latter, however, landing at Clontarf, he was imprisoned by order of Keating, who assigned him the commandery of Kilsaran, in the county Louth, for his maintenance; nor did he enjoy this indulgence long, but was cast into prison, where it is said he died of a broken heart, while Keating, fearful of the consequences of his turbulent spirit, and the vengeance of the legitimate authorities, was induced to support the wild pretensions of Lambert Simnel to the throne of these kingdoms, as the last hope of retarding the deserts of his disloyalty.

In 1488, on the discomfiture of that wild project, and the coming over of Sir Richard Edgecombe to receive the oaths of allegiance of the repentant Irish nobles, powerful intercession was made for Keating, of which the following notice appears in the account of Sir Richard's voyage to Ireland;—"The Earl of Kildare and the said Sir Richard, and the lords spiritual and temporal, met at a church called our Lady of the Dames, in Dublin, and there great instance was made again to the said Sir Richard to accept and take the said Justice Plunkett and the said prior of Kilmainham to the king's grace, and that they might have their pardons in likewise as others had; forasmuch as the king had granted pardon to every man. The said Sir Richard answered unto them with right sharp words, and said, that he knew better what the king's grace had commanded him to do, and what his instructions were, than any of them did; and gave with a manful spirit unto the said Justice Plunkett and prior fearful and terrible words, inso-much that both the said earl and lords would give no answer thereunto, but kept their peace; and after the great ire passed, the earl and lords laboured with such fair means, that the said Sir Richard was agreed to take the said Justice Plunkett, to the king's grace, and so he did, and took his homage and fealty upon the sacrament; but in no wise would he accept or take the said prior of Kilmainham to the king's grace; and, ere that he departed unto his lodging, he took with him divers judges and other noblemen, and went into the castle of Dublin, and there put in possession Richard Archbold, the king's servant, into the office of the constable of the said castle, which the king's grace had given unto him by his letters patent, from the which office the said Prior of Kilmain-

ham had wrongfully kept the said Richard by the space of two years or more."\* Notwithstanding all these declarations of royal displeasure, Keating, in the feebleness of the Irish government, continued to keep forcible possession of this Hospital until about the year 1491, when he was at length ejected with great disgrace,† and James Wall was appointed to his high office, while all persons preferred by him to the dependant commanderies were removed. Keating soon afterwards closed his factious life, as is supposed, in the most abject poverty.

In 1494 it was enacted, that whoever was made prior of this Hospital by the Grand Master or his deputy, with the king's consent, should be an Englishman by birth, wise and discreet, and have such a connexion with the knights of the order in England, as that his majesty's force here might be strengthened by his means. In the same year another act was passed for the avoidance and resumption of all grants made by the former priors Talbot and Keating, and all persons having any property of the priory pledged or sold away by Keating, were required to deliver same on tender of the money lent or paid for them.

In 1496 Sir Richard Talbot, knight, was prior, and so continued until 1498, when Robert Evers was substituted, who in 1507 demised all the lands belonging to his house in Lecale, with their tithes and appurtenances, for fifty years, at the annual rent of forty shillings. In 1511 he was removed, and had the preceptory of Slebach in Pembrokeshire assigned to him for his support; while Sir John Rawson, another Englishman, succeeded to the priorship.

In 1513 Robert Talbot, of Belgard, released to William, Archbishop of Dublin, three acres and the dove-house in Kilmainsham for ever. In 1517 Prior Rawson was Lord Treasurer of Ireland, and in 1519 he obtained the king's license of absence "intending and preparing me," as himself wrote to Cardinal Wolsey, "to have gone to the service of my religion at the Rhodes," upon which occasion he let out several farms and tithes of the priory to the Earl of Kildare, but his license was afterwards revoked.‡

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\* Harris's *Hibernica*, Part I, p. 34.

† Ware's *Annals*.

‡ State Papers, temp. Hen. VIII. Part 3, p. 94.

In the Christmas of 1528 the Lord Deputy was entertained by the several priors of Kilmainham, Christ Church, and All Saints, with the exhibition of stage plays on Hogges'-green (now College-green.) In 1530 and the two following years the prior was again Lord Treasurer, about which time the Repertorium Viride of Archbishop Allen enumerates Kilmainham among the churches of the deanery of Dublin.

In 1534 the citizens of Dublin, having received advice that the O'Tooles were conducting a prey from Fingal to the mountains, sallied out to intercept them at Kilmainham Bridge. They met at the wood of Salcock, but being overpowered by numbers, were routed, with the loss of eighty men. In the ensuing year the Lord Deputy, Sir William Skeffington, died in this priory, whence he was removed for interment, with great pomp, to St. Patrick's Cathedral. In the same year the prior made a lease of "the castle house in the town of Kilmainham" with five acres of land, granted annuities of twenty shillings to Thomas Howth of Artane, of forty shillings to Patrick Barnewall of Fieldstown, of twenty shillings to James Bathe, and sundry similar annuities to others respectively for their good counsel and services.

For a notice of the prior's possessions in Coolock, see that locality in 1538, and for a notice of other rights, see at "Ballyfermot" in 1539. In the latter year, the prior of this house leased to Robert Cowley, Master of the Rolls, and Walter Cowley, "Prime Solicitor," and their assigns, the lordship and manor of Reynoldstown, with the appurtenances, in the county of Dublin, in the townlands of Reynoldstown, Haghdeston, Killogher, Mawrickeston, Hertrawne, Cloghertown, Heigestown, Balgardeston, Curragh, &c., for ninety years, at the annual rent of £7 18s. 10d. The said prior also granted to each of the said Cowleys for their good counsel, an annuity of forty shillings.

In 1541 Prior Rawson surrendered all its possessions to the crown, and was thereupon created Viscount of Clontarf, (at which locality these circumstances are more fully detailed.) For a further notice of rights of fisheries attached to this house in 1541, see at "the Liffey." In 1542 the priory was suppressed by the great act for the dissolution of monastic establishments in Ireland. This act also dissolved its parish church, which had been mensal to

the prior, and exempt from all ordinary jurisdiction, and authorized the erecting and incorporating of a vicarage, to be endowed out of the possessions which the king acquired in right of the priory, and to be thenceforth in the patronage of the crown. At the time of its dissolution, it had annexed to it thirteen benefices in this diocese.

In 1545 the archbishop obtained a license to unite the church of St. John the Baptist of Kilmainham and that of St. James, both without the suburbs, to the church of St. Catherine within the suburbs of Dublin. By inquisition of 1547, it appears that the minor canons and choristers of St. Patrick's had here a messuage, 8A. arable, and 1A. meadow. For a notice referrible to the priory, see at "Newcastle" in 1547.

In 1556 the Lord Lieutenant Fitz Walter kept his court at Kilmainham, and here received the submission of Shane O'Neil.

In 1557 Sir Oswald Messingberde was appointed prior of the Hospital, and by authority of Queen Mary, with the sanction of Cardinal Pole, the Pope's Legate, was restored to the former possessions of the house, but, on the accession of Queen Elizabeth, he privately withdrew from the kingdom, and died in obscurity; whereupon the estates of the order were by act of parliament declared vested in the crown, and the grant to Messingberde annulled from the preceding August. After that period, the priory house was constantly occupied as the summer residence of the Lords Deputies, while the castle of Dublin was enlarged and repaired for their winter sojourn.

Various inquisitions, consequent upon the dissolution, have ascertained the possessions of this abbey as consisting of three gardens and an orchard within the walls, four towers erected on the walls; three other gardens and an orchard; 260A. of arable, 22A. of meadow; a wood of 42A. on the north side of the Liffey; another of 41A. at Inchigore; a salmon-weir on said river with a fishery; a mill on the river Liffey; a fulling-mill on the river Cammock; 30A. of pasture on the south side of Golden-bridge; 14A. of under-wood; 15A. of arable and pasture in Woodfield; the castle-house in Kilmainham, with sundry burgages, gardens, parks, parcels of land in its neighbourhood; also 161A. of arable, 3A. of meadow, and 27A. of pasture in the Newtown of Kilmainham; the customs

of the Mary gallons; the rectory of Kilmainham, and the altarges of the parish; the rectory of Chapelizod, and the chapel of St. Laurence, with the altarges of the parish of Chapelizod; a house called the Frank house in Winetavern-street, Dublin, near the church of the Holy Trinity, with various other houses and closes in the city of Dublin; 10A. near Donnybrook; 24A. in Coolock; 60A. of arable and mountain pasture in the manor of Ranoldstown; certain premises in Cutterstown, Hassardstown, Killogher, and Marystown; a castle, with 40A. of arable and 30A. of pasture in Kilmainhambeg; the rectory and altarges of Ballyfermot; 32A. in Crumlin; 40A. in Westpainstown near Newcastle; the rectories of Corgagh, Garrystown, and Palmerstown near Greenock; certain premises in Grallagh, Brownstown, Hollywood, Hollywood-rath, Ballycore, Balrothery, and O'Byrne's country; a castle and 174A. in Glanucoure, *alias* Ballymoney; the manor, rectory, and altarges of Clontarf; certain lands in the county of Kildare; certain tithes and lands in the county of Meath; and certain rectories in the county of Galway, which were granted to the corporation of Athenry; 180A. in Balnachorus; a castle and 120A. in Teghbrodan, *alias* Kilmainhambeg; certain premises in the town of Drogheda; divers lands in Lecale in the Ardes; the rectory of Carlingford; 620A. in Kilpole and Ballymaguile, with the rectory of Kilpole, and sundry other premises in the county of Wicklow; the rectory of Coolbanagher, with the advowson of the vicarage; half a carucate in Ballynagrane, and half a carucate in Ballygorman, situated near Innisbohen; the rectories of Rathrone, Mortelstown, and Ardfinnan, with certain lands also in the county of Tipperary; the commandery of Killarge in the county of Carlow; the lands of Passage in the county of Waterford; the preceptory of Mourne in the county of Down; 30A. called Walshman's lands in the county of Dublin; certain houses in the city and suburbs of Waterford; the rectorial tithes of Pierstown-Laundy, and certain lands in that parish; the rectory of Downings and Keraugh, and the preceptory of Kilhele in the county of Kildare; certain rectories in the King's and Queen's counties; the commandery of Kells; the preceptories of Kilmainhambeg and Kilmainham Wood; the hermitage of St. Bride, with other premises in the county of Waterford; the townland of Kilbride,

near the Three Castles, by the mountain side in the county of Dublin, with 200 great acres of arable mountain, 100A. of meadow and bog, and 200A. of pasture and mountain; certain lands, rectories, &c. in the counties of Meath, Louth, Down, and Tipperary; certain premises in the city of Waterford, &c. &c. All which extensive possessions were soon afterwards granted away to various lay proprietors; and reversions, with which the maintenance of the poor was immemorially identified, became prizes in the lottery of human inheritances, attainable to all who had sufficient power or interest to assert and retain such acquisitions. A singular circumstance may be remarked in reference to the succession of the priors of this house, many of whom, it has been shewn, held the highest offices of the state, that the name of one person of the ancient Milesian stock does not appear in the whole series, and, perhaps, this remark would apply to all the preceptorics belonging to this priory throughout Ireland.

In 1564 John Manne, gent., was appointed keeper of the King's House in Kilmainham, and on his death in 1565, he was succeeded by Paul Greene, who was also keeper of the "gerner" within said house, together with the house and demesne lands of said house, with the salary of twelve pence Irish per day, and a grant to him of the mansion-house over the south gate in Kilmainham, together with a garden on the east side of the gate, and also the grazing of ten kine, two horses, and forty sheep in the said demesne, without any charge.

In 1565 Sir Henry Sydney, having arrived in Ireland as Lord Deputy, rode to this place, attended by the sheriffs, to view "the house," which finding in too decayed a state, he repaired to St. Sepulchre's, and there lodged.

In 1576 Francis Agard of Grange-Gorman in this county, had a grant of two mills, and the salmon-weirs of Kilmainham, with the appurtenances, at the annual rent of £30 5s., which continued in his family during that and the subsequent reign. The priory-house was, in the following year, the residence of Sir Henry Sydney, Lord Deputy, who, on that occasion, caused Kilmainham bridge to be erected.\*

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\* Harris's Dublin.

A statute of Henry the Seventh having enacted that no citizen, burgess, or freemen, of any city or town, should receive livery or wages from lords, or make promise or surety, by indenture, to them, under penalty of being deprived of their liberty and freedom, and having also enacted that no person should be retained by such lords under penalty of £20, to be paid by the retainer and the retained; proceedings were thereupon instituted against Sir Morrough na Dhu O'Flaherty, (the first of that family who held his estates by English tenure,) for that he, contrary to the above statute, in 1585 retained at his service in Kilmainham, William Martin, Anthony Lynch, Stephen Roe French, and Cornelius O'Halloran, merchants of Galway, and gave them four several cloaks for their livery, to serve him, the said Morrough, in form "stipendiatorum" Anglice "reteyners," and not otherwise.\*

In 1592 Thomas Chambers succeeded Paul Greene as keeper of Kilmainham, and was himself succeeded in 1595 by Andrew Greene. For a notice in 1596, see at "Chapelized."

In 1599 Thomas Fagan died seised in fee (by gift of Richard Power) of the Newtown of Kilmainham, containing 189A., together with the tithes of the premises.† In 1602 John Eustace had a grant of three small parks here, the estate of the hospital, to hold for 21 years at a rent certain, with an additional render of sixty-five pecks of port corn. This grant prescribed that Eustace should not lease any part of the premises except to Englishmen, without the consent of the Lord Deputy.‡ In the same year Griffith Pigot succeeded Andrew Greene as keeper of the house of Kilmainham, and was himself succeeded in 1607 by Beverly Newcomen.

In 1605 Sir George Thornton was found seised of a messuage here, called the "Castle house," with about eight acres of land; § which premises he, in the same year, sold to James Newman, from whom they passed to Solomon Tatlow in 1608.

In 1609 Sir Richard Sutton, Auditor of Imprests, in England, had the king's letter for a grant of such lands, rectories, &c. to

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\* Court Roll of Eliz.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

‡ Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

§ Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

the yearly value of £40, English, as lay on the north side of the river Liffey and bridge of Kilmainham, containing 400A. in the king's possession in right of the dissolved priory of Kilmainham,\* for which Sir Edward Fisher, as assignee of this Sutton, took out a fresh patent in 1611, the premises being there described as "all the lands on the north side of the Liffey, and Kilmainham bridge, 330A., being parcel of the possessions of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, Kilmainham wood, 60A., all extending to the high road leading from Oxmantown Green to Chapelizod, and to the river Liffey south, to the lands of Newtown east, &c., to hold for ever, in consideration that the said Sutton had surrendered to the crown the manor of Landreyne in Cornwall in 1611. In a memorandum in the margin of this grant it is stated, that Sir Edward Fisher surrendered this patent and lands to the king, on the first of September in the fifteenth year of the reign of James the First, for which he received £2500, and that the said lands, with a house thereon newly built by Sir Edward, were, by his Majesty's special direction, dated ninth July in the same year, converted to the use of the Chief Governor for the time being, (Roll. 9, Jac. I. pt. 2.) For a notice of College land here in 1612, see at "Dolphin's Barns."

An inquisition of 1613 finds that the masters, wardens, brothers, and sisters of the guild of St. Anne, in the parish church of St. Audeon in the city of Dublin, were seised in fee of 14A. here, held of the king as of his manor of Kilmainham.

In 1629 Eleanor Fagan of Feltrim died seised of 114A. of Palmerstown, in the parish of Balrothery, six messuages, and 120A. in Rathcoole, four messuages and 190A. in Newtown and Kilmainham, and the tithes thereof, two messuages, two gardens, and 21A. in Lusk, &c.†

In the forfeitures consequent upon the civil war of 1641, William Malone of Lismullen forfeited nine acres in Kilmainham and Inchigore, in the parish of St. James, as did John Talbot eight other acres in Kilmainham, and Robert Shelton 7A. 1R.‡ The latter portion was granted to Charles Viscount Fitzharding.§ For

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib. † Inquis. in Canc. Hib. ‡ Ib. § Ib.



a notice in 1654, see at "Kilmactalway," and for an account of the part of this parish that was taken into the Phoenix Park in 1671, see at that locality.

In 1680 King Charles, by his letter, directed the building of an hospital here, for the maintenance and convenience of aged and maimed soldiers in the army of Ireland, such hospital to be erected upon part of the lands of the Royal Park, called the Phoenix Park, near the old ruinous building commonly called the Castle of Kilmainham, and that a quantity of land not exceeding 64A., plantation measure, should be appropriated for ever to its use. An endowment, which was afterwards confirmed by letters patent, bearing date third of March, 36 Chas. II. At this time the remains of the old castle alluded to were very inconsiderable, while the more considerable portion of the walls of the ancient chapel attached to it was, upon this order, taken down and the materials wholly applied in building the present chapel of the said hospital. The foundation of the hospital was laid by the Duke of Ormonde, the building completed in three years at an expense of upwards of £23,559, and the chapel consecrated in 1686 by the Archbishop of Dublin, the Bishops of Meath and Kildare assisting.

This Chelsea of Ireland is situated on a rising ground near the south side of the river Liffey. It is of a quadrangular form, enclosing a spacious area handsomely laid out in grass plots and gravelled walks, an arcade being carried along the lower story in each square to the entrance of the hall and chapel. The centre of the front on the north side is ornamented with Corinthian pilasters and an entablature, above which is a handsome steeple. Over the door are the arms of the Duke of Ormonde. The interior is neat and simple, the dining hall 100 feet long by forty-five broad, the lower part of the walls being decorated with a variety of military weapons disposed in a fanciful manner, while the upper part is ornamented on three sides with portraits of the royal founder and other sovereigns of England, besides those of several remarkable personages, and on the fourth side by a gallery supported by brackets beautifully carved with figures of cherubs. The chapel is eighty-six feet in length by thirty-six in breadth, and has a variety of ornaments, especially an altar screen carved in Irish oak, and a coved ceiling decorated with most elaborate stucco work. The hospital has accommoda-

tions for 400 men, but only 200 are in the establishment. Its inmates are well clothed and fed, and are allowed eight-pence per week each, as pocket money. The officers' apartments are good and convenient, and those of the Commander-in-Chief, who always resides here as governor, have a delightful garden attached, commanding an extensive and beautiful view of the city, and surrounding country. In 1725 the annual expense of this establishment, in all its details, was stated as £7984; it is now about £10,000 per annum. In 1833 an intention was intimated of abolishing this institution, but the design was abandoned on the representation of Sir Hussey Vivian, and the zealous exertions of the nobility and citizens of Dublin.

In 1708 Solomon des Blosset had a grant of eight acres here, "the estate of the late King James."

In 1707 the vicarages or parishes of St. Catherine, St. James, and St. John of Kilmmainham, theretofore united, were, by act of parliament, divided into two several and distinct vicarages or parishes, St. James's and St. Catherine's, and their contents severally defined. Each to have thenceforth respective parochial rights and succession of vicars and church-wardens, with all such tithes, oblations, rates, assignments, taxes, &c., as should thereafter grow due and payable to said vicars within the said parishes respectively, the right and patronage in both to remain as it existed when all were united, to wit in the Earl of Meath, and said parishes were thereby declared subject to the visitation of the ordinary and the customary canons and laws ecclesiastical.

About the time of the commencement of the reign of George the Third, General Dilks, then Commander-in-Chief of Ireland and residing in the Royal Hospital, attempted to take in the burial ground here, and convert it into a botanic garden. For this purpose he caused the graves to be levelled, spread a thick covering of lime over the entire surface, and enclosed the ground with a stone wall; but this design was defeated by the working manufacturers of the Liberty, several of whose ancestors and families were there interred. These poor people, justly irritated at the meditated indignity and exclusion, collected in a body in one night, levelled the wall, and again laid open the ground for the interment of the poor, whose surviving friends were unable to

pay the prices charged for burial in the grave-yards attached to the churches of the metropolis. The most celebrated of the humbler classes of society, on whose behalf this right was claimed, and who derived the benefit of its assertion, was the pugilistic champion, Daniel Donnelly, who was buried here some years since, and had a votive monument erected over him by subscription of the depraved admirers of his "science." The memorial is, however, now as extinct as the conqueror himself.

In 1818 an act was passed for enclosing the commons here, on which occasion 6A. 3R. plantation measure, were allotted to his majesty.

In 1832, during six months that the cholera prevailed in Dublin, 3200 burials took place in this churchyard, as the only free grave-yard for the poor, a circumstance that induced such apprehensions of danger to the public, that the Board of Health, acting on the Lord Lieutenant's order, directed the cemetery to be totally closed for a time, and that a recently consecrated burial-ground at Grange-Gorman should be substituted while it was deemed necessary to relieve this. The extension of the prohibition, however, to the present day, and the utter exclusion of the parochial rights of burial here, is matter of much, and perhaps justifiable remonstrance.

In a quarry near the village, according to Archer, there were raised in the years 1767 and 1768, in the space of about eighteen months, sixty or seventy tons of lead ore, which yielded about twelve hundred of lead from each ton of ore, and about twenty-four ounces of silver from each ton of lead. There are, he adds, two or three veins of lead ore in the quarry, all of them seeming to take their course in the commons.

Kilmainham gave the title of Baron to the family of Wenman, but the dignity is now extinct.

All about this locality the botanist will find *lamium*

*amplexicaule*, henbit dead-nettle; *cichorium sylvestre*, wild blue succory; *carum carui*, caraway, flowering in June.—In the sand-pits, *fedia olitoria*, lamb's lettuce.—On old walls, *parietaria officinalis*, wall peltitory; *saxifraga trydactylites*, rue-leaved saxifrage; *draba verna*, common whitlow grass; *silene nutans*, Nottingham catch-fly.—On the adjacent steep banks, *apium petroselinum*, parsley, (if this should be considered indigenous;) *allium vineale*, crow garlic.—On the river, *ranunculus aquaticus*, with its white flowers floating over the water: while the road-sides between this and Chapelizod shew, the *erodium moschatum*, musk stork's-bill, &c.

Descending from Kilmainham to the Liffey a well is seen at right, which was dedicated to St. John, and formerly much resorted to on the eve of that saint as a place of pilgrimage and devotion, (see the ensuing article;) but, as its abuse led to the commission of sundry misdemeanors and irregularities by licentious visitors, the Roman Catholics of the diocese were very properly forbidden to frequent it; and so far back as 1787 public exhortations were read from the altars of every chapel in Dublin, against any persons exercising their devotion here, as, “instead of gaining indulgence, or reaping any benefit thereby, they generally scandalized their holy religion, and disturbed public peace by their criminal excesses.” Even the government, on different principles, prescribed penalties of infamous severity against such stations; but, like many other less justifiable obstacles opposed to popular prejudices, they only tended to confirm the ignorant in

their proscribed observances, and intemperance and idleness continued, till within the last two years, to give annual dis-edification at St. John's well.

The Artillery Barracks succeed, shaded in front by some magnificent, old elm trees. The bridge, over that part of the Liffey immediately adjacent, is more usually called

## ISLAND-BRIDGE,

down to which point the waters of that beautiful river may be said to glide in all the natural purity of their early fountain, and so almost to steal into the heart of the city. There, however, they too speedily receive that taint and corruption, which an acquaintance with the metropolis is ever apt to induce in even nobler works of creation.

Before crossing this bridge may be seen at left the extensive flour-mills of Mr. Manders, and beyond them Mr. Henry's calico and muslin printing factory, employing on an average, as his foreman alleged, about 600 persons daily of all sexes and ages. Both the mill and factory are the property of the corporation of Dublin.

In 1585 Sir William Skeffington, then Lord Deputy of Ireland, while escorting the Lord Chancellor, the Bishop of Meath, and others, had a contest at the bridge that existed here before the time of Sir Henry Sydney, with some of the adherents of Lord Thomas Fitzgerald, of which Skeffington himself gives the following account in a letter to Sir Edmund Walsingham. "At my coming homeward from Trim, which was the Sunday before Saint Catherine's day, there did fall such rain as hath not been

seen in these parts, so that the footmen waded by the way to the middles in waters, which was pity to see, and that every man made a great haste to Dublin and to houses nigh the same for their succours as they might, and left the footmen to come as they might. The Lords Chancellor, Bishop of Meath, and Gormans-ton, with other gentlemen, also Dacres with sixteen spears of his company tarried with me for the said footmen that could not have defended themselves with their bows, for their strings were so wet, and most of the feathers of their arrows fallen off. There came alarm that certain horsemen of Thomas Fitzgerald were laid at the wood end of Kilmainham, for to have distressed the footmen at a narrow bridge, where as no other passage was but at the same; and I hearing thereof sent in all haste that I could to stay the ordnance, which, as chance was, were good pieces that day, and when I came at the bridge I passed over all the footmen and left not one behind. And that done I laid the said ordnances at the most advantage, and shot divers pieces among them, and drove them from their ground, and brought by that mean the said footmen safely to Dublin. And if I had not done this, there had been 3 or 400 of them killed or taken prisoners. And at my coming thither there was divers of the army in Dublin four hours before my coming. And that night my sickness took me, and I am sure there sickened 100 more besides me, whereof at the least I think forty been dead, and at this day the King's Attorney\* being one of them is in as evil case of his health as I am; assuring your mastership that I was never so nigh the jeopardy of death in my life, and thanks be to God now well recovered thereof, and I trust past danger; and, God willing, as soon as I shall be able to ride, I shall make that false traitor take as evil rest as ever wretch had. Also it may please you to be advertised, that since my hither coming all the chief Irish lords of the North, only excepted O'Neill, hath written their letters unto me, firmly promising their service to the King's Grace and his Deputy here, whose original letters I send unto your mastership herewith, to the intent you should perceive the effect and tenor of them, beseeching you that after the sight thereof you would safely return them to

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\* Thomas St. Lawrence.

me, because as yet I have no other surance of them but their letters, if they or any of them, as I trust they will not, would vary from their promises."\* Skeffington subsequently took Maynooth and quelled the rebellion, but died, possibly of the effects of the above visitation, within nine months after the date of the above letter.

In 1588 Doctor Staples, Bishop of Meath, took occasion to preach against Archbishop Browne to the multitude assembled here at St. John's Well, of which the latter bitterly complains in a letter preserved in the State Papers. "He hath not only sithens that time by pen, as you know his wont full well, railed and raged against me, calling me heretic and beggar, with other rabulous revilings, as I have written unto my Lord, which I am ashamed to rehearse; but also on Palm Sunday at afternoon in Kilmainham, where the stations and also the patrons be now as bremely used as ever they were, yet cannot I help it, because the place is exempt, but I trust it is not so exempt but that the king's commandment might take place there, as you know he is highly bolstered." And in another letter of the same date to Crumwell, he adds, "When that I was at the worst I was in better case than I am now, what with my Lord Deputy, the Bishop of Meath, and the pecuniose Prior of Kilmainham."

In 1577 a bridge was erected here in lieu of that alluded to in the letter of Skeffington.

In 1611 Sir Edward Fisher, knight, had a grant of three small islands in the river Liffey, near Kilmainham Bridge, with the sole liberty of fishing with boats and nets in all that river, parcel of the possessions of the late priory of St. John of Jerusalem.†

An inquisition of 1615 finds, that the mill beside this bridge had been "time out of mind an ancient mill, and that there hath been an ancient weir there, closing the stream or river on the west side of the bridge." In the forfeitures consequent upon 1641 this mill was confiscated as having been the fee of Francis Mac Evoy attainted, who also lost therewith three acres adjacent and the fishery at the bridge. Sir John Temple was thereupon en-

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\* State Papers temp. Hen. VIII. Part 3, p. 233.

† Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

trusted with the care of the mill, to repair it and content the lessee out of the profits. It was subsequently used for supplying flour for the army, and grinding the port corn which the crown had acquired as part, of the monastic revenues, and which was specifically reserved in the Act of Settlement. When, however, this ceased to be part of the Lord Lieutenant's revenue, the mill was leased out, and in 1670 Sir Maurice Eustace had a release of the quit-rent of £23, payable by him out of the mills and weirs here, and at the same time a grant of said mills and weirs, as also of Irishtown in the barony of Newcastle, and Kilmashogue in the barony of Rathdown, with sundry other lands and premises.\*

In 1675 the Earl of Essex, while Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, thus writes to Mr. Secretary Coventry, in reference to this locality:—"Among the other objections which have been started, concerning my late instructions, I do hear that it has been alleged, that I, myself, put the affairs of grants, &c. out of the track, by making application to my Lord Treasurer, on the score of some lands here. How frivolous this also is, the papers enclosed will fully convince you. The truth of the matter was this, I am sworn by my oath not to suffer any thing to his Majesty's disherison, and having a discovery made to me, that the mills and fishings of Kilmainham, (then in the pretended possession of Sir Maurice Eustace,) did of right belong to the king, I ordered Mr. Solicitor and Mr. Sergeant Reynell, (the latter of which hath always been of Sir Maurice Eustace's counsel,) to state the case, and I dealt so fairly with Sir Maurice Eustace in the matter, that I told him of it, and he either was or might have been there whilst it was drawing up. This case I sent into England, to my Lord of Arlington, acquainting his Majesty with the situation of these mills in the middle of the Park, and how necessary they were to the sword, as also that the landing belonging to the castle stood upon that ground, and that Sir Maurice Eustace demanded rent for the same, which had never been required of any former governors. Hereupon, I had a letter under the signet, directing me to prosecute the king's right, but Sir Maurice Eustace being then, or soon after in England, petitioned his Majesty to revoke this letter. This

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\* Roll in Record Tower, Dub. Castle.



petition being referred to me, I made a report thereupon to his Majesty, &c. &c.”\* Upon this report, it appears, that the earl received orders to take possession of the premises on his Majesty’s behalf, but Sir Maurice, according to his Excellency’s account of the transaction, procured a countermand under the hand of Lord Arlington. This, however, was again followed by a signification of his Majesty’s pleasure, that the Earl of Essex should continue the possession, and that Sir Maurice Eustace should take such price for them as they were reasonably worth.

For a notice in 1700, see *ante* at “Chapelized.” During the persecuting period of Irish legislature in 1710, the House of Commons considered the assemblings and pilgrimages to St. John’s well an important object for their consideration, and of national concern. They accordingly passed a vote, that the sickly devotees of the day “were assembled there to the great hazard and danger of the public peace and safety of the kingdom;” in consequence of which, fines, imprisonments, and whippings were made the penalties of “such dangerous, tumultuous, and unlawful assemblies,”† a penance certainly much more severe than those persons intended to inflict upon themselves.

In 1791, the bridge erected in 1577 having been swept away by a flood, (see at “the Liffey” in 1787,) the present was erected a few yards to the east of the former. It consists of one elliptical arch, 104 feet ten inches in span, being twelve feet wider than the Rialto at Venice, and the keystone thirty feet above low water. The first stone was laid by Sarah Countess of Westmoreland, in honour of whom it has sometimes been called Sarah’s Bridge. Its breadth at the top, clear of the parapets or palisade, is thirty-eight feet, including two flagged footways of six feet on each side.

On crabtrees, hereabouts, the mistletoe has been found, a singular parasitical evergreen shrub, which, it may be remarked, never takes root in the earth, and Doctor Hunter says that the berries, when ripe,

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\* Essex’s State Letters, p. 239, &c.    † Comm. Journ. vol. ii. p. 669.

being rubbed on the viscid, smooth bark of almost any tree, will adhere and produce mistletoe in the following winter. They are also said to make a better birdlime than holly bark affords.

Returning from Island-bridge through Kilmainham, and passing to the right by the sessions' house, the traveller reaches, at a short distance beyond it, a very thriving woollen factory kept by the Messrs. Willans, who, in this and their ancillary establishment at Rathmines, employ upwards of 300 persons of both sexes and all ages daily.

#### INCHIGORE

succeeds; a hamlet scarcely distinguishable by any collection of houses.

By inquisition of 1541, it appears that the priory of Kilmainham was seized of 42A. of wood on the north side of the river Liffey, and another wood at Inchigore, comprising 41A. For a notice of this place, connected with the forfeitures of 1641, see at "Kilmainham."

In 1669 James Duke of York had a grant of 150A. in Kilmainham and Inchigore; with the exception of which few notices, none else appear worthy of relation in regard to this locality.

The road hence overlooks the valley of the Liffey, and immediately above the town of Chapelizod enters the village of

#### BALLYFERMOT,

where are the walls of an old castle, fitted up for private habitation, and having adjoining to it a garden,

surrounded by a curiously bastioned enclosure : south of this castle are the very perfect remains of the old church, thickly covered with ivy, and enclosing an area of eighteen yards, by six yards and an half, whence a fine view is commanded of the Dublin mountains at south, with the Grand Canal and its avenue of trees in the foreground ; but the church contains no tombstone worthy of notice, while the grave-yard exhibits traces of exhumation most revolting to the feelings, and which must powerfully recommend to the selection of surviving relatives, the solemn repose and security of those sepulchral vaults, where sacrilegious insults cannot be perpetrated, those subterranean chambers that extend themselves within the echoes of holy harmony, and are sealed down from garish intrusion by the superincumbent temple of the Deity.

The parish, the rectory being inappropriate in Sir Compton Domville, ranks as but a curacy in the union of Chapelizod, and has compounded for its tithes at £130 per annum, payable to the incumbent. It contains but the one denomination, extending over 1183A. 1R. 16P., the population of which was returned in 1821 as 172 persons, increased in the census of 1831 to 402, of whom 332 were Roman Catholics. Sir Compton is the chief proprietor of the fee. A cabin without land is let for from £4 to £5 per annum.

The church here was dedicated to St. Laurence, and appertained from a very early period to the Knights Templars of Kilmainham. (See "Kilmainham" at 1309.)

About the year 1807 Thomas Cantock, Bishop of Emly, died

seised of one-third of the manor of Ballyfermot, which he held under Norman Fitz William and Avicia his wife. It soon afterwards passed to the Barnewall family, who continued its proprietors down to the civil war of 1641. For a notice of their rights here, see at "Balrothery."

In 1539 the prior of Kilmainham demised to John Allen and his assigns, the church and rectory, with all the tithes, oblations, altarages, lands, and profits thereunto belonging, at the annual rent of £6 Irish, while he also granted to said Allen, for his good advice and counsel already given and thereafter to be given, an annuity of £4 Irish, chargeable on the said rectory and tithes. For a notice of the church in 1541, see at "Chapelizod."

In 1597 William Duff, merchant, died seised in fee of 55A. in Ballyfermot, which he held of the crown at a rent certain.\* These premises were forfeited by his descendant Stephen Duff, in the war of 1641.

In 1608 the king granted to James Hamilton, Esq., the rectory and tithe-corn of Ballyfermot, therein stated to be collected yearly by thirteen couples of acres, parcel of the estate of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, which Hamilton subsequently assigned to Edward Blaney of Monaghan. In the same year, the king granted to Sir Robert Newcomen, "the ruinous chapel, called St. Laurence's chapel near Ballyfermot," with 84A. there, and the profits of the fair. For a notice in 1613, see at "Drym-nagh."

The regal visitation of 1615 reported the rectory as inappropriate, the curate Simon Swayne, the church and chancel in ruins. In 1628 Matthew Forster was presented by the crown to the vicarage.

In 1631 Lord Blaney, Lord Baron of Monaghan, sold to William Bagot, ancestor of the family of Castle Bagot, the rectory of Ballyfermot, with all the tithes, both great and small, of the parish.

In 1694 the fee of the land was purchased by Sir Thomas Domville, and in 1697 the Rev. Mr. Doyle was returned as parish priest of Ballyfermot, Chapelizod, and Palmerstown.

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

Proceeding hence to Palmerstown, the view is extremely interesting. At the south, a fertile, undulating champaign extends to the base of a range of mountains, that, in the remoter distance seem dissolving in air, while at north is traced the deep course of the river, its banks enriched by the strawberry cultivation, beyond it at the east, the Phoenix Park, and towards the west, the two beautiful hills of Castleknock, one especially crowned with its ivy-mantled castle, and the other with a rounded tower, which, in the distance, assumes an aspect more imposing than that of a roofless pigeon-house, which in truth it is.

## PALMERSTOWN

succeeds ; a fit resting place for the ravens of Mahmoud ; a village, that only tells of ejected societies, workless weavers, and homeless vagrants.

Here, in full view of the factories of Chapelizod, and the strawberry beds of Knockmaroon, the business and the enjoyment of life, are the ruins of a church, finely situated above the river. It has nave and chancel, the former measuring ten yards by five, the latter four and a half by three and a half ; a round arch connects them, and the windows of both are, with a single exception, all round-arched. In the chancel is the tombstone of Matthew Allen, who died in 1645. In the grave-yard is a very old yew-tree, also monuments to John Perrin, Esq., of Leinster Lodge in the county of Kildare, who died in 1818 ; to Samuel Parker of Dowdstown, county of Kildare,

died in 1821 ; to Joshua Wilson, died in 1701 ; to Mr. Charles Warburton, fourteen of his children, and seven of his grandchildren ; to several members of the Broderick family ; one to Joseph Glynn, of Mary-street, who died in 1791, &c. &c.

In the village are male and female charity-schools, which receive £20 per annum from the National Board. The number of their pupils was returned in 1834 as 110. Palmerstown House, once the residence of Provost Hutchinson, and now the mansion of Lord Donoughmore, adjoins this ruinous hamlet, and even in such a presence, its majestic woods, crowning the heights that overhang the Liffey, still embellish the scene. The river, likewise, is here broad, deep, and unbroken by a ripple, save when the springing trout

“ All wanton rise, or urged by hunger leap.”

Immediately about the house, some pretty parterres of flowers and groves of ornamental shrubs amuse the eye, but in every other respect, the place exhibits sad traces of desertion and neglect. The deep, shady walks, in which former politicians mused, are clogged with fallen foliage. The channels, where streams were taught to wander, are deserted by their waters, and their rocky falls, bare and parched, are now unconscious of cascades. The finest point of view in the demesne, is from a glade beside the river, at the foot of an undisturbed rookery, whence the river, woods, and elevated mansion-house, are seen in their best features. At a short distance from this demesne

is the well-known green, where an annual fair is held on the 21st of August, affording to the citizens of Dublin merriment and recreation, only secondary to the Saturnalia of Donnybrook.

The parish of Palmerstown ranks as a curacy in the union of Chapelizod, but in the Catholic arrangement is in that of Clondalkin. It comprises 1517A. 3R. 7P., in five townlands, and a population which, including a section of the town of Chapelizod cut off by the river, was returned in 1831 as 1533 persons, of whom 1440 were Roman Catholics.

In reference to the records of this locality, it may be stated, that a house of lepers, dedicated to St. Laurence, was very early founded here, and the church about the same time given by Milo le Brett, its patron, to the Hospital of St. John without Newgate.\*

In 1290 flourished Thomas Hibernus, a native of this town. He was "a deep clerk, and one that read much, as may easily be gathered by his learned works. He wrote, with divers other works, these books ensuing, 'Flores Bibliæ;' 'Flores Doctorum,' lib. ii; 'De Christianâ Religione,' lib. i.; 'De Illusionibus Dæmonum,' lib. i.; 'De Tentatione Diaboli,' lib. i.; and 'De Remediis Vitiatorum,' lib. i."†

In 1420 King Henry the Fifth granted to William Stockingbrigg, a chief rent of 6s. 8d. issuing out of Palmerstown, and also a similar chief rent issuing out of Cabragh.‡

In 1427 King Henry the Sixth granted the custody of the leper's house near Palmerstown to John Waile, to hold the same, with all the messuages, lands, and tenements thereunto belonging, so long as the same should continue in the king's hands, at the yearly rent of three shillings.§

By inquisition of 1539, the Priory of St. John the Baptist of

\* Repert. Viride.

† Holinshed.

‡ Rot. ex Arch. in Dom. Cap. Westm.

§ King's MSS.

Dublin, was found seised of one castle, thirty messuages, one water-mill, 260A. of arable, meadow, and pasture, and 60A. of wood in Palmerstown near the Liffey; 246A. in Irishtown, within said parish of Palmerstown, and the rectory and parish church thereof. The castle and lands here and in Irishtown were about the same time granted, together with a water-mill, and a free fishery in the adjoining parts of the river to the Allen family, by a descendant of whom they were forfeited in the wars of 1641.\*

The regal visitation of 1615 returns the church as inappropriate, Simon Swayne, curate.

In 1666 Sir John Temple, knight, then Solicitor-General, passed patent for Palmerstown, 912A. statute measure, and from this locality his descendant, the present Viscount Palmerston, derives his title. For a notice in 1697, see at "Ballyfermot."

In the rebellion of 1798, Lord Edward Fitzgerald "having rode attended only by Mr. Neilson, to reconnoitre the line of advance on the Kildare side to Dublin, was for some time stopped and questioned by the patrol at this town. Being well disguised however, and representing himself to be a doctor on the way to a dying patient, his companion and he were suffered to proceed on their way."†

At the time of the Union there were employed here, six mills for printing-works, seventeen wheels for iron-works, two oil mills, one dye-stuff mill, one skin and corn mill, and three wash mills. There are now but the lead and copper-works before alluded to. It may, however, be here remarked, that the failure of so many factories, as are exhibited in ruins in the progress of this work, appears too hastily attributed to the impossibility of coping with English capital and English machinery. If the subject were more coolly investigated, this much to be lamented visitation might be found more referrible to the want of skill and attention on the part of the employer, of temperance and honesty on that of his workmen, and of the conviction of their mutual interest, which should exist between both. Hence, those baneful and unkindly combinations, which are too frequently consummated in human

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

† Moore's Life of Lord Edward Fitzgerald, vol. ii. p. 80.



blood. The associations of artists and tradesmen to improve the subject of their business, and to maintain their fair station and independent deserts, should not be censured, but when, as too frequently, this connexion degenerates into guilty confederacy, blindly demands an increase of wages, which the master cannot afford, or the rejection of a movement of machinery which would multiply his products, then it is but self-deception to attribute the fall of manufactures to any physical inability to maintain them; it is not the want of trade excludes the workman, but the wilful and stubborn ignorance of the workman excludes the trade.

To the botanist the adjacent banks of the Liffey present *tilia grandiflora*, broad-leaved lime-tree; and the fields, *lamium amplexicaule*, henbit dead nettle, with its singularly attractive flowers glittering in the spring, like minute rubies, moist with dew.

The river hence to Lucan is shadowed by gentlemen's seats and beautifully grouped plantations. Turning, however, southward, a road leads between Irish-town, an ancient estate of the priory of St. John the Baptist, and Rowlough, once that of Viscount Ballyinglas, to

## BALLYOWEN,

a townland in the ancient manor of Esker, and still exhibiting the remains of a castle, now tenanted by a farmer.

In 1500 John Bonunsinge, being seised in fee of eight messuages, eight gardens, and 35*l.* in Esker and Ballyowen, which he held of the crown at an annual rent, bequeathed all same in frank-almoigne to the church of Esker, whose procurator became subsequently possessed thereof.\* For a notice of the tithes, see at "Esker" in 1547.

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\* Inquis in Canc. Hib.

In 1558 Robert Taylor was seised of Ballyowen ; and in 1602 Sir James Fullerton had a grant of certain premises therein and in Ballydowd, and a water-mill within the parish of Esker, which had been demised in 1583 to Sir Lucas Dillon for years ; also the town and lands of Kilbride, "adjoining the mountains of the city of Dublin," the estate of the late Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem ; also certain premises in Cromlin, together with the rectory and tithes of Lambay, the estate of the religious house of Grace Dieu, which latter premises had been demised in 1599 to Sir Robert Napper for years.\*

An inquisition of 1609 finds that the fraternity or guild of the Blessed Virgin, in the College of Killeen near the church of Killeen, was seised, at the time of the dissolution, of one messuage and 35A. here, of which Lord Killeen had a grant in this year ;† and a subsequent document of 1613 finds that fifteen other acres here were appropriated to the aforesaid priory of St. John the Baptist, of Dublin. For a further notice in 1613, see at "Saggard."

In 1700 the master, wardens, brethren, and sisters of the fraternity or guild of St. Anne, in the church of St. Audeon, Dublin, claimed a reversion, expectant upon the determination of certain leases that should expire in the ensuing year, of several parcels of land in Ballyowen and Esker, forfeited by Peter Nottingham. Their petition was, however, dismissed, for non-prosecution.

In 1703 Robert Rochfort passed patent for the castle, town, and lands of Ballyowen, 283A., "the estate of Peter and William Nottingham, attained." The Nottingham family also forfeited in the war of 1688 part of Finnstown, Nanger, Ballydowd, &c. William Nottingham claimed at Chichester House an estate tail therein, but his claim was postponed, as he was a petitioner before the Commons. A further notice in this year, and a record as to its tithes in 1753, will be found at the ensuing locality of

#### ESKER.

This district formerly constituted one of the four manors in the county of Dublin, anciently annexed

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

to the crown, and designated the King's Land; the others being Newcastle, Saggard, and Cromlin. The subject of the present notice appears to have derived its name, Esker, i. e. the ridge of hills, as do other places along the line, from being a portion of the great causeway that was thrown up from Dublin to Galway, in the third century, as a boundary to divide Leath Conn from Leath Mogha, and of which such traces are discoverable near Trim, Clonard, Clonmacnoise, Dunmore, &c. "If the conjecture of Whitaker too be adopted, that the great road, called the Watling-street, extending from Dover through London as far as Anglesey in Wales, was originally denominated by the ancient Britons the way of the Irish, it is equally probable that this causeway from Galway to Dublin formed a part of the same line of conveyance, and that articles of commerce from the western and central parts of Ireland may have been, by this route, transmitted through Britain, and into Gaul."\* The manor comprised the townlands of Esker, Ballydowd, Finnstown, Ballyowen, and Lishoke, the precise extent of each of which is given in an official book, detailing the proceedings of its court from 1592 to 1597, and yet preserved in the manuscript collections of Primate Marsh's library.

The ruins of the church which existed here measure twenty-seven yards by six, the belfry gable being quite perfect. It and the other remains are thickly enveloped in ivy, and, standing on an eminence, have

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\* Moore's Hist. of Ireland, vol. i. p. 193.

a very picturesque appearance. The solemn interest of the scene increased, as the sun set and the evening fell over the waving ivy: the birds rustled into their nests, the beetles whirled humming from the walls, and the bats struck their mealy wings against the everlasting foliage. Within the ruins are tombs to Mr. Hacket, of Grange, who died in 1825; the Rev. Mr. Percy, died 1725; the Rev. John Kyan, "shepherd of Leixlip," died 1750; as also one to the Rev. James Mac Carthy, Roman Catholic curate of the parishes of Palmerstown and Lucan, who was murdered on the hill over the latter village in 1807. In the churchyard is a joint monument to the Nowlans and Geraghtys since 1724, another to Major D'Arcy, of Platten, who died in 1821, &c.

The parish extends over 2508A. 2R. 19P., comprised in four townlands, having a population returned in 1821 as 466 persons, in 1831 as 1075, of whom 921 were Roman Catholics. It has compounded for its tithes at £646 3s. 1d., of which the great belong to the Dean of St. Patrick's, with the exception of those of the townland of Ballydowd and the Bishop's Field, which, with the tithes of hay, and all the small tithes of the rest of the parish, appertain to the vicar by endowment. Near this village is the glebe-house of the incumbent, who has a glebe of 28A. The vicarage has been united by Act of Council with those of Leixlip, Lucan, Alderg, Westmorestown, and St. Catherine's, and the curacies of Confoy and Stacumney. In the Catholic dispensation this parish is in the union of Clondalkin.

In very ancient times Esker was one of the chapelries subservient to the church of Clondalkin, and was dedicated to St. Finian.

In 1207 King John directed his Justiciary of Ireland to ascertain by a jury, what lands belonged to the churches of Saggard and Esker, and to cause those churches to have the lands, so found, justly and "according to the custom of Ireland;" while the commission further authorized a reasonable exchange, if any of the king's houses had been inadvertently built thereon.\* In confirmation of this latter part of the commission King Henry, in 1229, conveyed to the Dean of St. Patrick's, William Fitz Guido, and his successors (under the title of Canons of Esker) two acres of his lordship of Esker, called Liscayllagh, situate near the church, and "more convenient for building on than two acres given in exchange for the same."†

In 1248 Peter de Bermingham had a grant of the manor of Esker, with thirty librates of land, to hold until forty other librates should be granted to him in some waste district. His descendants continued so seised until the middle of the fourteenth century.‡

In 1346 the king granted the manor to Roger D'Arcy for life, and in the following year the same monarch granted 60*l.* here to Reginald Fitz Maurice for life; and in 1364 committed the custody of the manor to Richard Vinegre for life, subject to the annual rent of £30.

In 1389 the king granted to Geoffrey de Vale for life the manors of Esker, Newcastle of Lyons, and Saggard, with the lands, suits, and services of court; also 60*l.* in Kilmactalway, and a mill in Milltown, charged with certain pensions;§ and in 1408 the same premises were granted to John Dabrigcourt, at an annual rent of 100 marks.||

In 1412 the custody of the manors of Esker, Saggard, and Cromlin, with their appurtenances, was granted, free of rent, to John Keppagh and William Sutton; and in 1416 to Hugh Burgh and others. In 1421 Jenico Dardis had a grant for his life of the manors of Esker, Newcastle of Lyons, and Saggard, as previously held by John Dabrigcourt for the term of his life;¶ and in 1427

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\* Rot. in Turr. Lond.

§ Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

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‡ Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

¶ Ib.

the Archbishop of Dublin had a similar grant of the same possessions.\* For a notice in 1428, see "Newcastle."

In 1430 the revenues of the manors of Newcastle of Lyons, Esker, Saggard, and Cromlin, were applied by the Lord Lieutenant and Council to resist the king's "Irish enemies" and "English rebels" who had invaded the Pale.† In 1450 the king granted to John Sees, Esq. the office of Seneschal of all said manors;‡ and in 1453 John Cheevers, Esq. had a grant of this, with its services, and the rents of the freeholders, the mill alone excepted.§

In 1460 King Edward committed to John Travers the custody of this lordship and of the water-mill, together with the court, the fees, services, &c.|| For a notice in 1500, see at "Ballyowen;" and for another in 1522, see "Howth." In the latter year the king granted certain premises here in fee to John Bagot, an ancestor of the family that afterwards settled at Castle Bagot.

In 1537 the king dispatched commissioners "for the order and establishment to be taken and made, touching the whole state of our land of Ireland, and all and every our affairs within the same. both for the reduction of the said land to a due civility and obedience, and the advancement of the public weal of the same." In the instructions it was stated, in reference to this and the other royal manors, "And whereas divers of his grace's lands lie waste, so as no profit groweth of the same, they shall not only view as well the said march lands, as all other his Grace's lands there, but also they shall let all the said lands, as well waste as other, by virtue of a commission given unto them for that purpose, to such Englishmen and other the king's faithful subjects there, as will bind themselves to inhabit them, demising them in such order as in the said commission is appointed, encouraging the tenants thereof to inhabit and manure the same." The latter commission here alluded to, empowered the granting of leases for twenty-one years, each lease to contain clauses, obliging the tenant to observe the acts made for the use of the English tongue and the English habit, and an inhibition of alliances, familiarity, or intelligence with the Irish rebels, upon pain of forfeiture of the lease, besides the penalty of the law.¶

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

‡ Ib.

§ Ib.

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¶ State Papers, temp. Hen. VIII.

In 1547 the tithes of this parish were valued at £32 19s. 4d. For a notice of the rectory in that year, see at "Rathcoole." An inquisition of the same year finds the extent of the Dean's possessions in Esker, in lands, free tenants, and tithes. The jurors thereupon valued the tithes of corn and hay in the townland of Esker at £6 per annum, those of Ballyowen at £8, of Ballydowd at £7 6s., of Finnstown and Coldrenan at £8, and those of Kishogue and Ballgaddy at seventy-three shillings and four pence, while the altarages of the parish were stated as worth £5 annually, assigned to the curate for his portion, the dean being bound to repair the chancel at his private expense.

In a treasurer's account of this manor, bearing date in 1592, mention is made of the vicars choral of St. Patrick's having, in right of their church, 20A. arable and pasture in Esker. They had also 2A. in Lucan. In the record of a court held here in the same year before Gerald Dillon, as deputy of Sir William Sarsfield, the Seneschal, amongst the suitors are enumerated Simon Luttrell, the heirs of — Tyrrrel, the Wardens of the Guild of St. Anne, the heirs of — Plunkett, the heirs of John Finglas, the Vicars of St. Patrick's, the Baron of Delvin, the Dean of the Holy Trinity, the Wardens of the College of Killeen, the heirs of — Fleming, the Proctors of the church of Esker, Thomas Bathe, &c.

In 1596 Alison Tyrrrel, one of the daughters and co-heiresses of Nicholas Tyrrrel, and wife of Christopher Netterville of Black Castle in the county of Meath, died seised of half the town of Tipperboyne, 60A.; half of Esker, 62A.; half of Ballydowd, 60A.; half of Loughtown, 18A.; and half of Balvenstown, 24A.\* For notices in 1602, see at "Ballyowen," in 1603 and 1606 at "Saggard," and in 1611 at "Milltown."

An inquisition of 1612 finds that there were appropriated to the master, wardens, brothers, and sisters of the guild of St. Anne, in the parish church of St. Audeon, Dublin, 18A. of land, and two messuages in Ballydowd, also 30A. and a messuage in Esker. It is not generally known, that these guilds were the type of what are now called Friendly Societies, and existed both in England and Ireland, until the rapacity of Henry the Eighth confiscated the

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

property of the greater number of them, in common with that of the religious and various other charitable societies. For a further notice in 1613, see at "Saggard."

The regal visitation of 1615 returns the rectory of Esker as appertaining to the dean of St. Patrick's, that Richard Bathe had been vicar there, but was deprived of his office for negligence, that the vicarage was worth £15, and that the church was in repair, but the chancel in ruins. For a further notice in 1615, see at "Portrane."

In 1663 the manor of Deanrath, with its castle, town, land, and tithes, as also the towns of Ballybane, Angerstown, Priestown, and Gowter, *alias* Crowtersland, with the duties of custom-ridges, hook days, &c. out of Esker and Clondalkin, were leased for twenty-one years to Philip Ferneley, at £36 per annum.

About the year 1672, Doctor John Pooley (afterwards Bishop of Cloyne), a senior Fellow of Trinity College, held therewith the united parishes of Leixlip, Lucan, Esker, Confoy, and Strathumney.

In 1673 Thomas Luttrell died seised of 40A. here, 20A. in Rathcoole, 36A. in Lucan, the rectory of Dunabate, &c.\* For notices in 1697, see at "Clondalkin," and in 1700 at "Ballyowen."

In 1703 Samuel Dopping had a grant of about 200A. in Esker and Ballyowen, together with the water corn-mill in Esker, and all banks, flood-gates, weirs, &c. thereunto belonging; all which had been forfeited by Peter Nottingham. Dopping was, however, on this occasion (as was frequently the case in such conveyances) only a trustee for Thomas Bellew of Bellewstown and his heirs.

A terrier of 1753 states that Ballydowd, Beggar's Bush, Coldcut, and Kishogue then paid both great and small tithes to the vicar of Esker, as did 21A. of Esker, called Bishopfield, Arshallagh, and Kippinshone; the rest of the parish (which, according to this account, comprised the hamlets of Ballyowen, Rowlough, Finntown, Spentenysmoor, and Cdoltrina) paid great tithes to the dean of St. Patrick's, and small to the vicar.

In 1825 the glebe-house was the residence of the Rev. Edward

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.



Berwick, whose name is rendered familiar to the literary world by several productions, which reflect equal credit on his talents and liberality of sentiment.

For the succession of the seneschals of Esker, see at "Newcastle."

Contiguous to this village was an extensive cotton factory, which has, however, ceased to work within the last few years. A little beyond it are the remains of Adamstown Castle, now adapted for a farmer's residence ; immediately adjacent to which is

#### FINNSTOWN,

a townland, accounted within the manor of Esker.

For a notice of this place, in reference to the extent of the dean's tithes, see at "Esker" in 1547.

In the commencement of the seventeenth century, Thomas Fitz Williams was seised of two messuages and 60*l.* here.\*

In 1700 Walter Kennedy claimed a remainder for eighty-one years (commencing in 1627) in this farm, therein styled Finnstown or Tyrrel's-land, and stated as forfeited by Peter Nottingham. The petition was allowed with certain savings. In 1703 Lewis Chaigneau had a grant of 147*l.* here. For a further notice of the possessions of the Nottingham family here, see at "Ballyowen" in this year, and for another in 1753, in reference to its tithes, see at "Esker."

From Esker a short line of road, over an elevated plain, suddenly conducts to the brink of a steep, whence a picturesque descent leads into the now too much neglected valley and village of Lucan; the new spa-house, its plantations, and the surrounding enclo-

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

tures in the former, the bridge, the church, the school, and the houses of the latter, form an interesting, but now scarcely animated foreground. Previously, however, to entering this locality, the tourist should ascend the eminence at left. It is enclosed within the demesne of Captain Gandon, and has its summit rounded into a fine rath, half of whose circumference is by nature difficult of access, while the other half is defended by smooth, steep outworks of earth. Immediately from its centre a cave sinks into the hill, descending a considerable way under ground, and linking in its course a series of six or more little circular vaults. In removing some of the fine mould about this cave, several stone implements of war and husbandry were discovered, some of which, together with an ancient spur, and a piece of curiously carved bone also found there, are in the possession of Captain Gandon.

Many of the larger raths throughout the country have similar caves contrived within them, running in narrow galleries, which connect chambers that in some are square, in others round. The walls or sides of these galleries are usually, as here, composed of well selected, but unhewn stones, laid flat upon one another, gradually projecting towards the summit, and covered with flag-stones laid across, that rest with their ends on the side walls, while over the whole vast strata of earth are piled, and smoothed over so as to correspond in appearance with the surrounding surface of the hill, without exhibiting an unnatural mound that might betray the secret excavation. They

appear to have been contrived, not so much for the reception of people, as for the convenient disposal of stores, arms, provisions, and other necessities, that there lay secure from the weather, and ready for their use. Possibly, too, in cases of actual assault, these hill passages might have been found serviceable in sheltering the women and children of the chief, and in even offering a *dernier resort* for the men, when all else was hopeless; a last retreat, where a few, disposed through the dark, narrow, and confined passages, might retard a multitude, and by secret outlets effect their own ultimate escape. Unquestionably, the occasions have been too frequent, when the natives of Ireland were reduced to such straits, that, in the language of the prophet, they might have said "to the mountains, cover us, and to the hills, fall on us!"

## LUCAN.

This locality, so sweetly situated at the junction of the little river Griffin with the Liffey, was once much and deservedly frequented on account of the beauty of its scenery, the salubrity of its air, and the vicinity of medicinal springs of experienced efficacy. The fickleness of fashion, the want of encouragement from the proprietor, the unwelcome presence of turnpikes, the diversion of the great western line of road, and the removal of the cotton factory, have, however, consigned Lucan to unmerited obscurity. Within the demesne, and closely adjoining the ruins of the

castle of the Sarsfields, are the remains of the ancient church, from which "the eye of the stranger" is so unrelentingly excluded, that, but for the following kind communication from Captain Gandon, of Griffin Lodge, its tombs must have been unnoticed.

"On the northern wall, close to the eastern window, is a white marble monument, much soiled and defaced, with the figure of a child leaning over a shield of antiquated form. On a tablet beneath is the following inscription :—

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'This chapel was repaired by Jane Lady Butler, and this monument erected to the memory of her dearly beloved husband, deceased the 23rd of March, A.D. 1738, with whom she is interred.

Where thou dyest, there will I dye ;

Where thou art buried, there will I be buried also.'

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A plain headstone of Kilkenny marble marks the grave of Colonel George Vesey, the recent proprietor of this locality, born in 1761, died 1836 ; and also states, that near it lie the remains of his father and mother, George and Letitia Vesey. Another headstone of white marble has been erected, to mark the grave of an infant son of Sir Nicholas and Lady Colthurst."

The new church, which has been constructed on a different site, is a plain edifice, having in it one white marble monument to the said Colonel Vesey. There is also in the village a Roman Catholic chapel

much out of repair, near which is a charity school, which, while supported by the proceeds of sermons and subscriptions, was attended by about 100 children, but, on obtaining a grant of £14 per annum from the National Board, its number of pupils has been doubled. There is also here a parish school, maintained by private subscriptions, and attended by about thirty-six boys and forty girls. Attached to this is an infant school, founded in 1836.

At the back of the town the Liffey is crossed by a noble bridge of one elliptical arch, spanning, where it shoots from the water, 110 feet 6 inches. Near it are iron mills, which give employment to about twenty persons; and there were, some years since, a little higher up the river, cotton works, by the removal of which the town and neighbourhood have been seriously injured.

The parish is a perpetual curacy, (the rectory and vicarage being in the union of Leixlip.) It extends over eight townlands, comprising 1125A. 2R. 16P., and was returned in 1831 as having 1737 inhabitants. In the Roman Catholic arrangement it is in the union of Clondalkin. The fee of the principal part is in the Colthurst family. Rent rates from two guineas to three pounds; the wages of labour being from seven to eight shillings per week.

The church here was at a remote period dedicated to the Blessed Virgin; and accordingly, in 1220, Warrisius de Peche, for the health of his soul, and those of his ancestors and successors, granted it by the express denomination of "the church of

the Blessed Virgin of Lucan," with its appurtenances, to the adjacent priory of St. Catherine.\*

In 1386 the king enfeoffed Maurice, the fourth Earl of Kildare, in the manors of Lucan, Kildrought, and Kilmacrydock, to hold to the said earl, his heirs and assigns for ever, *in capite*; and in 1395, on the mainprize of Gerald, the son of said Maurice, and John Fitz Maurice, of Blackall, in the county Kildare, the custody of two parts of this manor and the water-mill was committed to John Route, chaplain, until such time as it should be decided, whether they actually belonged to the crown or to the said John Route.†

In 1409 the king granted to Thomas Hunt, chaplain, and to Walter Hern, two parts of the manor of Lucan,‡ during the minority of the heir; and in 1416 Henry the Fifth made a similar grant of the whole of said manor, together with those of Kildrought and Kilmacrydock rent free, whilst it should be in the the king's hands, to John, the son of Sir John Talbot, at the service of two knights.

An inquisition of 1537 finds the priory of St. Wolstan seised of two messuages and six acres of land here, while a certain portion called St. John's leys, appertained to the priory of St. John the Baptist. Besides which, the minor canons and choristers of St. Patrick's cathedral were seised of one messuage and forty acres, the vicars choral of two acres, and the religious house of the Blessed Virgin Mary of two messuages, with a pigeon-house, and seven acres. In the same year, John Alen, Master of the Rolls, had a grant of 240 acres in Cooldreny and Backweston, and twelve acres in Lucan,§ of which his heir, Thomas Alen, died seised in 1626. The vicarage was soon afterwards rated to the First Fruits at £4 16s. 8d. Irish. In 1553 the king presented Maurice Canlane thereto. For a notice in 1561, see at "Luttrelstown."

In 1566 Sir William Sarsfield of Lucan was knighted by Sir Henry Sydney for his services against Shane O'Neill, dynast of Tyrone.

In 1588 John Eustace had a lease for twenty-one years of the moiety of the tithes of the rectory of Lucan and Westpalstown,

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\* King's MSS.

† Rot. in Canc. Hib.

‡ Ib.

§ Ib.

being the one moiety of the corn of that parish, parcel of the estate of the monastery of Thomas Court.\* This lease was, on its termination, renewed for thirty-four years. For a notice in 1592 of the estates of the vicars choral here, see at "Esker."

In 1609 the minor canons of St. Patrick's demised their lands here to Sir William Sarsfield, who was then seised of the manor, two castles, two water-mills, 50A. arable, and 100A. of wood, and 50A. in Rathcoole, to which his grandson succeeded on his death in 1616.

The regal visitation of 1615 states the rectory impropriate, that the vicarage was worth £15 per annum, and filled by Thomas Keatinge, and that the church and chancel were in good repair.

In 1646 General Preston was encamped here, and was visited by the Earl of Clanricarde, with the important object of inducing him to coalesce with Ormonde, pledging his word at the same time, for the repeal of all penal laws. The Earls of Fingal and Westmeath at the same time waited upon the Nuncio Rinuccini, then also here, pressing him most earnestly to sanction the proposition; the latter was inexorable, but Preston and his officers entered into the required engagements, to observe the peace with Clanricarde's concessions and securities, and to join Ormonde against all his enemies and all those who should not upon the same terms submit to that peace. Preston, however, immediately afterwards, under the influence of the injudicious and obstinate Rinuccini, violated the word of a soldier, and renounced the peace.

In 1649 the Marquis of Ormonde, then Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, marched with all his forces over the bridge here, on the project of taking the capital. Patrick Sarsfield of Lucan, was subsequently one of the signers of the Roman Catholic Remonstrance.

In 1667 Sir Theophilus Jones, knight, passed patent for the manor, castle, town, and lands of Lucan, 947A.; Westpanstown, Paddingstown, and Ballynasse, 301A. &c. plantation measure. For notices in 1672 and 1673, see at "Esker." In the latter year, a moiety of the rectory of Lucan was granted to the Archbishop of Dublin and his successors, at the annual rent of £7 4s. 0d., same

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

having been, as stated, part of the possessions of St. Thomas's Abbey.

In 1689 in King James's parliament, Patrick Sarsfield, junior, was one of the members of parliament for the county of Dublin, and in the same year, the celebrated Irish general of that name was created Earl of Lucan by James the Second after his abdication. The achievements of this gallant individual, who was undoubtedly the best officer in the service of that monarch, are of too extensive a scope, and too general notoriety, to justify any comment here. Suffice it to say, that having done all intrepidity, skill, and honour could effect in his native land, in the unworthy cause of the Stuarts, and having forfeited all his estates by his adherence to them, he yielded to circumstances which man could not control, followed his master's fortunes into France, and was slain in 1693 at the battle of Landen. His brother was married to a daughter of James the Second, and the female issue of that union became heiress of the Lucan estate; she having married Agmondesham Vesey, the property passed with her into that family, from whom it has been again transmitted by another heiress of the latter name into that of Colthurst.—For a notice in 1697, see at "Clondalkin."

In 1700 John Green claimed the benefit of a leasehold interest in "the castle and great white house at Lucan," the land called the Wood, and several other premises as forfeited by Patrick Sarsfield; his petition was however dismissed, for non-prosecution. On the same occasion, Colonel Henry Luttrell claimed an estate tail in 200 messuages, 200 tofts, 400 cottages, and several other premises and lands within the parish, as forfeited by Simon Luttrell. He, however, being a petitioner before the Commons, his claim was postponed.

In 1758 the medicinal spring was discovered here.

By an act of 1771, Mr. Vesey having agreed that the road from the new bridge over the Liffey, should be carried without any expense to the county through his estate in a certain line, whereby said road would be considerably shortened, it was enacted, that, as soon as the said new road should be finished, it should be lawful for Mr. Vesey to stop and enclose that part of the old road which lies on the west side of the little river Griffin. At the



time of the Union, there were here eight wheels for iron-works, one grist-mill, one corn-mill, and one paper-mill.

In 1806 Mrs. Ladeveze of Bath, bequeathed £200 to be put to interest, such interest to be applied in equal proportions in the parish of Lucan, and that of Hollymount in the county of Mayo, and laid out in blankets or warm clothing for the oldest men and women in each parish, to be distributed on every Christmas day. Protestants to have the preference. This charity, however, as far as regards Lucan, the incumbent states is not in force.

In 1812 by a local act (52 Geo. III. c. xx.), the Grand Jury of the county of Dublin were empowered to levy money for rebuilding the bridge here. The locality, it but remains to add, gives title of earl to the family of Bingham.

The neighbourhood abounds with calp, whose contortions are distinctly displayed in the quarries, the strata are perpendicular, some being broken across, others folded, and convoluted in a very complicated manner. Lapidés stalactites are also found in these quarries.

The botanist will find near the bridge, *carum carui*, common caraway; and on the old walls, *valeriana rubra*, red valerian; *asplenium ceterach*, common spleenwort; *asplenium trichomanes*, common maiden hair, &c.

In the immediate vicinity of Lucan, on the ascent to Dublin, is Edmondsbury, the seat of Mr. Needham, once the favourite retreat of Edmond Sexton Perry, Speaker of the Irish House of Commons, afterwards created Viscount Perry; while in the opposite direction, between this village and Leixlip, extends the handsome demesne of Mr. Colthurst, affording delightful walks along the winding banks of the Liffey, that here silently glides through the ar-

cient woods, there foams among rocks, or hurries in a bold sweep round the mansion-house. This edifice was finished in 1780, and has an elegant but simple Ionic front. The hall is adorned with pillars and frieze of the same order, with medallions from the designs of Angelica Kauffman; the apartments are in a suitable style of simple elegance, and the gardens tastefully laid out.

On the opposite side of the road, about midway between Lucan and Leixlip, is the establishment pre-eminently called the Lucan Spa House, a well kept and once a well frequented hotel, whence a tunnel under the road leads to the spa, which rises close to the river Liffey, and is impregnated as strongly, perhaps, as any other natural spring with carbonate of lime and sulphurated nitrogen gas. The water, though limpid, emits a peculiarly offensive odour, and the taste is equally disagreeable. The soil, from which it issues, is a limestone gravel supposed to contain coal, it throws up a bluish scum to the surface, and after rain becomes whey-coloured. It is but fifteen feet deep, contains about eighty gallons of water, and when emptied fills again in an hour. Dr. Rutty analyzed it, as containing in two gallons :

Carbon of Magnesia . . .	1½ grains.
—— of lime . . . .	23 do.
—— of soda . . . .	39 do.
Muriate of soda . . . .	4 do.
Sulphur . . . . .	16 do.

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## SAINT CATHERINE'S,

at a short distance westward, was the site of an ancient priory, not a trace of which now remains, and even the modern mansion-house, that was constructed on its ruins, has been some years since consumed by accidental conflagration. In the demesne a lead vein was discovered and formerly wrought by Sir Samuel Cooke, then its proprietor.

The locality ranks as a vicarage in the union of Leixlip, the rectory being impropriate in the heirs of Colonel Vesey.

In 1219 the religious house alluded to was founded here, for brethren of the order of the canons of the congregation of St. Victor. Warrisius de Peche having, for the health of his soul and those of his ancestors and successors, granted for its support the land on which the priory was built and several parcels adjoining thereto, with liberty to the said canons to build a mill on the river and to make a mill pool wherever they should deem convenient. He further granted to them, as before-mentioned, the church of Lucan. See at "Lucan." And about the same time Sir Adam de Hereford, Lord of Leixlip, enfeoffed the said prior with a carucate of land in the lordship of Leixlip, for the purpose of maintaining six chaplains here to pray for the souls of all his progenitors. In 1268 the king granted a confirmation of their lands to the prior and canons regular of St. Catherine's, "near the Salmon Leap;"\* but in 1323, that religious fraternity, being so poor and oppressed with debts that they were not able to support themselves, assigned all these their possessions to the abbot of St. Thomas's, Dublin, and the patrons of the house confirmed the transfer.

About the year 1530 St. Catherine's was leased for years

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\* Rot. in Turr. Lond.

to the use of a canon for the service of the parish churches of Leixlip and Confy, and the reversion was subsequently granted to John Alen when Chancellor of Ireland.

In 1546 the king presented Peter Ludovick to this vicarage, who was succeeded in 1559 by William Loughan, and he in 1562 by Thomas Williams.

In 1569 a grant was made to Nicholas White of 128A. arable, &c., and 11A. of wood and copse in the townland of St. Catherine with the rectory thereof, comprising two couples of grain, and the altarages of the said townland, stated to be parcel of the possessions of the abbey of St. Thomas.\* In 1606 the king presented Edward King to the vicarage of St. Catherine's, and in 1640 Robert Dixon had a similar promotion.

In 1612 Sir Nicholas White, knight, had a grant of this town, lands, and tithes, &c., as also of a messuage, 49A., and the customs of the cottages of Alderg, &c.

In 1656 Dame Ursula, the widow of Sir Nicholas White of Leixlip, demised the town and lands of St. Catherine's, stated in a contemporaneous survey, as 159A. 3R. 2P., to Alderman Hatfield for twenty-one years, at the yearly rent of £40. This interest Hatfield assigned in 1664 to Sir John Percival, baronet, on which occasion Sir John purchased the stock upon the ground, at the following prices:†

	£	s.	d.
220 wethers at £8 per score, . . . . .	88	0	0
80 ewes at £8 per score . . . . .	32	0	0
15 cows at £3 a piece, . . . . .	45	0	0
1 bull, . . . . .	2	10	0
1 fair bull calf, . . . . .	3	0	0
2 heifer calves, . . . . .	2	0	0

In 1792 this place was purchased by Mr. La Touche, who beautified and improved the demesne, and rebuilt and furnished the house with curious works of painting, drawing, and sculpture, which he had collected in his travels. It was subsequently, as before-mentioned, totally consumed.

\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† MSS. in T. C. D.

The botany of St. Catherine's exhibits, *lathræa squamaria*, greater toothwort, springing from the decayed leaves of hazel trees, in a shady part of the woods; *hypnum sylvaticum*, wood hypnum; *monotropa hypopitys*, yellow bird's nest, flowering in June and July, with a perfume like that of the primrose or of beans in blossom. In Sweden the country people give this plant dried to cattle affected with coughs.—On the high trees the *lichen floridus*, flowering lichen, is also found.

Passing out of St. Catherine's at the extremity of the village of Leixlip, and over its bridge, the tourist should follow up the banks of the Liffey to the scene popularly called the Salmon Leap. The river here enters a wild, romantic dell, where high slopes, covered with wood, rise on each side directly above the water. In the midst of this defile the Liffey pours the whole gathering of its current over a wide ledge of rocks, and under the fragment of a bridge that greatly adds to the picturesque effect. The rush of water is generally abundant, and its fretted, roaring, foamy progress at the foot of the venerable towers of Leixlip Castle, and through the scattered rocks, that succeed the fall and prolong the agitation of its course, is finely traced from a narrow and steep pathway, that runs along the brow of the bank at the Dublin side of the river. On the larger and more venerable trees that flank this giddy terrace, many initials may still be traced of the "ladies loves" of other days, once carved in hours of youth and levity, but now overcast as with "a green and yellow melancholy." The

lovers and the beloved have withered, the trees still fling their verdant boughs over the water, whose torrent roars incessant and unchangeable in all the magnificence of its destined course.

Much of the beauty of the scene, and the solitary sublimity that pervaded it, have been destroyed by the recent erection of an extensive mill and flour store at the finest point of view. The wheel is remarkably large and ingeniously contrived, being impelled by a conducted head of water at top, the supplies of which are received in grooved boxes on the wheel, and discharged against a barrier with a force that generates a powerful undershot action.

The castle, preeminently denominated "de Saltu Salmonis," is on the Kildare side of the river, as is also the adjacent attractive demesne of Castletown ; both are consequently beyond the Rubicon of the present undertaking, and it must suffice here to supply some notices of the river that, although it removes those picturesque scenes from the topography of the county Dublin, yet so greatly enhances the many legitimate beauties of this district.

#### THE LIFFEY,

the Libnius of Ptolemy, and Labius of Richard of Cirencester, "though not so majestic and rich in princely villas," writes Dr. Milner, "as the Thames is to the west of London, is perhaps even more enchantingly diversified by its meandering turns, its alternate shallows and depths, its hanging woods, and its lofty

banks, now smoothly shelving to the water edge, now surmounting it in bold rocks and perpendicular precipices."

The fountain head of this romantic river is traced in the magnificent solitudes of the adjoining county. In the Wicklow mountains it derives its head, not twelve miles from Dublin, but "fetcheth such a compass, bending its course first to the west, afterwards to the north, and lastly, for seven or eight miles eastward, that from that original to its mouth, is the space of no less than forty or fifty miles."\* For a distance of three miles from that mouth it is a tide river, but is not navigable at low water above Island Bridge; and, as it draws its supplies from the mountains, is subject to unexpected and violent floods, in alluding to which Holinshed says:—"The river, that runneth by Dublin, hath this property for certain, and I have observed it at sundry times. As long as it raineth, yea, if it staid pouring six days, you shall find divers shallow brooks, and the river will be nothing thereby increased; but, within four-and-twenty hours after the showers are ceased, you shall perceive such a sudden spring flow, as, if the former rain were great, a very few places, or none at all, will be found passable." Its waters afford salmon, salmon trout, a species of lamprey, *lampetra fluviatilis minor*, the roach, and in the part between the city and Island Bridge, the sprat or sharling.

It is said that in very ancient times, before this river was embanked with quays, Dublin was only accessible by hurdles, laid on

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\* Boate's Nat. Hist. of Ireland.

the low and marshy parts of the town, adjoining the water, and that from these hurdles it took the name of Bally-ath-Cliath, i. e. the town on the ford of hurdles.

In 795 the people of Leinster obtained a victory on the banks of the Liffey over the forces of Áodh, the son of Nial; and in 831 its borders were laid waste by Conor Mac Donough, King of Tara.\*

In 836 a fleet of sixty sail of Danes entered it, and desolated the adjoining district.† Dublin thereupon submitted to them for the first time, when they raised a strong rath, and thereby controlled, not only the city, but in a little time extended their conquests through Fingal to the north, and as far as Bray and the mountains of Wicklow, to the south. From this adventurous onset commenced that succession of invasions, whose infliction on the people of Ireland, through an appalling tract of time, "checked," as Mr. Moore justly observes,‡ "the course of their civilization, kept the whole island for more than three centuries in a continued state of confusion and alarm, and, by dividing even more than by wasting the internal strength of the kingdom, prepared the way for its final and utter subjugation by the English."

In 1178 Laurence O'Toole, Archbishop of Dublin, granted to the church of the Holy Trinity the fishery hereof, with the tithes of salmon and of all other fish on each side of its watercourse.

In 1185 Prince John granted to the abbey of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of Dublin, liberty to have a boat in the water of the "Avon Liffey," to fish with equal privileges as his own boat;§ and in 1215, when king, he confirmed by charter to the citizens of Dublin, certain rights of fishery herein, and also licensed them to erect a bridge across it where they pleased, provided the old bridge, then ruinous, should be thereupon taken down.|| The grant, however, reserved sites for mills and the fishing with small boats, which latter privilege had been previously conferred in frankalmoigne on others;¶ and the citizens paid thereupon, for these liberties, and for the fee farm of the city a fine of 300 marks to the king. A royal mandate was also directed to the Lord De-

\* Annals of Innisfallen.

† Hist. of Ireland, vol. i. p. 297.

|| Rot. in Turr. Lond.

† Annals Four Masters.

§ King's MSS.

¶ Ib.



puty to inquire whether the prior of Christ Church was entitled to the fishing of one boat on this river, and whether he had been deprived unjustly thereof by Hamo de Valois, and if so to restore him to his right.\*

In 1218 the Lord Deputy was directed to cause an inspection of the watercourse of the Liffey, with the view to removing all impediments to the entrance of merchandize, and passage through and fro of fish ;† a command which was repeated in 1220, more especially in reference to a water-head, constructed by the Prior of Kilmainham for the use of his mills.‡ In the same century the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church obtained a decree against the Corporation of Dublin for the tithe fish of this river ; and in 1285 the citizens had a confirmation of the rights which had been granted to them by the charter of 1215, and with the same exceptions.§

In 1303 the king appointed Richard de Bereford and others, to inspect the weirs in the Liffey between Dublin and the town of the Salmon Leap, and to inquire on the oaths of a jury as well of the county Kildare as of the county Dublin, by whom those weirs were used, and whether otherwise than they should from ancient time, and to abate all nuisances.

In 1308 John Decer, the liberal Mayor of Dublin before alluded to, built at his own charge a bridge over this river near the priory of St. Wolstan ; and in 1338 so remarkable a frost prevailed from the 2nd of December to the 10th of February, that the Liffey was covered with persons dancing, running, playing football, and even fires were made upon it. The depths of the snow stated to have fallen during this frost is almost incredible.|| In 1385 the only bridge, that appears to have been then over the river within the city, fell,¶ whereupon the king granted ferriage to the citizens for four years towards the erection of another.\*\* In ten years afterwards the Archbishop of Dublin had a confirmation to his see of the liberty of a boat on this river.

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\* Rot. in Turr. Lond.

† Ib.

‡ Ib.

§ Ib.

|| Harris's Hist. of Dublin.

¶ Marleburgh's Chronicle.

\*\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

According to Harris it was, in 1452, completely dry for the space of two minutes.

In 1516 an award was made between the corporation of Dublin and the religious house of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as to certain rents claimed by the former but possessed by the latter; and also respecting the privilege of having a boat for fishing on the Liffey, and some customs of fish: while, by inquisition of 1541, the priory of Kilmainham was found seised of an extensive wood of 42A. on its north side; also of a salmon weir in the said river, with the fishery, the right of a boat and nets, &c.

In 1665 the corporation of Dublin had a grant of a ferry over it, at the annual rent of £4, the ferry to be attended from an hour before sunrise to an hour after sunset, and no other person to keep a ferry-boat, or carry for hire, between Dublin Bridge and Ringsend.

In 1687 a great inundation happened in this river from excessive rains and a violent storm, which laid the low parts of the city under water up to the first floors, insomuch that boats plied in the streets. A part of Essex Bridge, which had been built but eleven years before, was broken down, and a coach and horses, passing over it, fell into the river.\* It had rained incessantly for two months, and on the 3rd of December there arose a sudden storm of wind from the south-east, accompanied with rain, which continued with violence. The flood also swept away a mill that stood at the foot of the bridge, called Bloody Bridge, while St. Patrick's Cathedral and its chapels suffered so much, that the water rose above the desks, and the books were almost all destroyed. In 1739, on the occasion of the no less memorable frost, the Liffey was so completely congealed, that, as in 1838, crowds walked upon it, fires were made, and joints of meat roasted for the people.

In 1767, between seven and eight o'clock in the evening of the 5th of September, soon after high water, this river suddenly sunk about two feet, and in a moment after rose upwards of four feet, and again immediately fell to its proper level. On this occasion several vessels received considerable damage by being driven from

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\* Harris's Hist. of Dublin.

their moorings, &c. It was apprehended from this extraordinary phenomenon, that an earthquake had happened in some quarter of the globe, as an event of the same kind occurred at Cork on the occasion of the great convulsion at Lisbon. In the following year this river was again so completely frozen, even within the city of Dublin, that numbers walked upon it between the bridges.

In 1783 an act was passed (23 and 24 Geo. III. c. 40) to prevent the commission of offences against the Inland Fishery Act in the Liffey, from Island Bridge weirs to Poolbeg Light-house; and in 1786 the corporation for preserving and improving the port of Dublin were empowered (by 26 Geo. III. c. 19) to make rules and by-laws for cleansing and improving it, for regulating the conduct of masters of vessels as to ballast, stationing and mooring their ships, for repairing the walls and quays, &c.; and by another act of this session, (26 Geo. III. c. 50. s. 18,) stretching a draught-net across the mouth of the river, or fishing with any net, without consent of the owner of the fishery in writing, from Ringsend or Clontarf island to Chapelizod, was subjected to a penalty of £5, and a forfeiture of the implements and tackle.

In 1787 another very remarkable flood affected this river, and did considerable damage. Island Bridge, which had been standing from the time of Queen Elizabeth, was beat down; and the iron mills, situated a little higher up the river, were completely carried away, as was the wooden bridge at Luttrekstown. The inhabitants on the banks of the river, even as high up as Ballymore Eustace, suffered considerably, as did the citizens of Dublin. From Giles's livery stables on the Phoenix Park road was all overflowed, and the whole of Barrack-street presented one continued river.\*

By an act of 1792 (32 Geo. III. c. 35) the management of this river and its walls, and the building and repairing them on the north, from Carlisle Bridge to Ballybough Bridge, and on the south, from the west end of Crampton-quay to Artichoke-road, was exclusively vested in the corporation for preserving the port of Dublin for ever; while, by an act of the same session, the fishery was subjected to the provisions made for the protection of salmon and trout in other rivers and inland waters. Other enactments for the

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\* Dub. Chron. Nov. 17, 1787.

improvement and regulation of this river, are found in the 26 Geo. III. cc. 19, 50, and 60; 32 Geo. III. cc. 26 and 40; and 40 Geo. III. cc. 47 and 73.

Leaving the Salmon Leap, a pathway guides the pedestrian to the main road from Dublin to Celbridge, whence a road, now almost reclaimed by nature, its face thickly covered with vegetation, and traversed by rills, and its hedges shooting inward all the impediments of wild shrubs and briars, conducts to

#### ALDERG,

where still exist, in a very sequestered situation, and thickly covered with ivy, the ruins of a church, measuring twelve yards in length by six in breadth.

This locality gives its name to the parish, which extends over 759A. OR. 33P., and, as the rectory is inappropriate in the vicars choral of St. Patrick's, ranks as a curacy in the union of Leixlip, the patronage being in the Archbishop of Dublin.

Early in the thirteenth century, Archbishop Luke directed that five marks of the annual funds of this church, should be allocated to light the altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary in St. Patrick's cathedral, and the residue distributed among the vicars celebrating mass there.\* Soon afterwards, this church was erected into a prebend, which in 1306 was valued at 114 shillings, Adam de Stratton being then its prebendary.

In 1328 an inquisition was taken relative to the right of presentation to this church, which was thereupon found to appertain to the Archbishop of Dublin. The benefice was then filled by John de Kingston, and its annual value estimated at eight marks.

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\* Mason's St. Patrick's, p. 69.

But, as from its situation, on the borders of the respective sees of Dublin and Glendalough, doubts were entertained to which it belonged, a further inquisition was taken in 1329 to determine this point, and the jurors, discovering that it paid half a mark proxies to the Archdeacon of Dublin, brought in their verdict that it was in that diocese.\*

In 1389 the king presented William Middleton clerk to this church,† and in 1395 Archbishop Robert de Walby granted its whole revenues to the vicars choral of St. Patrick's, who, under that title, were by inquisition of 1547, found seised of a castle or mansion, and seventy-two acres in the townlands of Alderg and Marshalrath, together with the tithes of the parish, the extent of which is therein ascertained. For a notice in 1612, see at "St. Catherine's." The regal visitation of 1615 reiterates the rights of the said vicars choral here, adding, that Emanuel Bullock was curate, and that the church and chancel were in good repair.

In 1619 the Archbishop of Dublin died seised of a castle and sixty acres here.‡ In 1630 Lord Ranelagh, who seems to have been a considerable intruder into the estates of St. Patrick's, farmed the property of its vicars choral here, and in 1642 this rectory was included in their charter of incorporation.

Passing hence, and crossing the Grand Canal, the townland of Loughtown deserves notice, as presenting some remains of an old castle of the Clinches, and yet more, an extensive burial-ground, bearing the high evidence of its antiquity, that it forms a complete circle of about 120 yards, once enclosed with mound and wall, of which some traces are still visible, but no monuments worthy of recording are found within it.

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\* Mason's St. Patrick's, p. 44.

† Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

‡ Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

## NEWCASTLE OF LYONS

succeeds to notice ; another of the ancient royal manors in this county, and formerly exhibiting a good town.

The aisle of the old church has been fitted up for the Protestant service, and has a fine eastern window, which in 1724 was advanced from the extremity of the original chancel, into the arch that formerly divided them. At one side of the communion-table is a mural slab to John Gast, Doctor of Divinity, and Archdeacon of Glendalough, who died in 1788. The ruined chancel measures fourteen yards by seven, and is filled with ivy and elder trees, whose thick shade almost conceals the solitary tomb of Mr. James Clinch, who died in 1833. The surrounding burial-ground is planted with beeches, elms, and sycamores. In it is a monument to Mr. Pierrepont, and a remarkable tombstone to Oliver Mitchell, who died in 1835, the stone is perforated so as to embrace a tree, which himself planted, and beneath which he expressed his desire to be buried. Here is also the family vault of the Bagots of Castle Bagot, and an enclosed burial-place for Mr. John Keogh of Loughlinstown, who died in 1801. In this grave-yard is likewise a short, stunted granite cross, on which the crucifixion was sculptured, but the relief is now nearly smoothed away. Near the church is the glebe-house, to which are attached sixteen acres of glebe.

On the opposite side of the street of the town is

another burial-ground, recently consecrated, belted with young trees, and encircling a plain but commodious Roman Catholic chapel. The only tomb of note it yet presents, is to the memory of Mr. Locke of Athgoe, who died in 1833. Near this chapel are male and female poor schools, to which Lord Cloncurry and Mr. Bagot of Castle Bagot contribute £5 each, latterly they were placed in connexion with the National Board, which allowed £4, annually to each of them. The total number of pupils was returned in 1834 as 201. At a short distance on the same side of the town, are considerable remains of a fine mansion-house, the former residence of the Clinch family.

Until very recently the commonage here extended over eighty acres, in two parcels, while that of the adjacent townland of Hazel Hatch comprised 200 acres. All these tracts have, however, been latterly enclosed, and enriched with productive cultivation.

The parish comprises 4282A. 1R. 32P., and a population returned in 1831 as 1098, of whom it is stated, that not fifty are Protestants. It has compounded for its tithes at £250 per annum. The rectory is part of the corps of the archdeaconry of Glendalough. The Catholic union comprises, with this parish, those of Saggard and Rathcoole. The chief proprietors of the fee in this, are Lord Cloncurry, Mr. French, and the representatives of Mr. Locke. Rent varies from £2 to £3 per acre, and a cabin without land is let for one shilling per week.

In its ecclesiastical character, Newcastle was anciently a rural bishopric, and, on its church becoming parochial, had subservient to it the chapelry of Colemanstown, or Ballycoleman, which, as the *Repertorium Viride* alleges, lay partly within the cross, and partly within the cantred of Newcastle. In its civil history, its early formation into a royal manor is thus noticed in the *State Papers*:—"The second Henry, called Henry Fitz Empress, coming hither out of Normandy to the conquest thereof, gave to such as came with him and their heirs, in effect all the substance of the land, and made of them, some lords, others knights, and they likewise divided the most part of the same into freeholds to such as came with them, whereby they inhabited the land, his Highness keeping with himself, besides reservations of rents, and services, and customs of havens and ports, little or nothing. In so much as in all Leinster, he kept but one barony or hundred, called the barony of the Newcastle, six miles from Dublin, and yet did he make freeholders in all the lordship of the said Newcastle, upon reservation of rents and services, which by them so being inhabited hath been by them so kept and defended unto this day, and we cannot see that the king hath in all Ireland in possession of the inheritance of the crown, but the said lordship of the Newcastle only."\*

In 1217 John de St. John, Treasurer of Ireland, had a grant from the crown of this manor with its appurtenances, to hold during pleasure at farm, paying the annual rent of 100 marks; and in 1223 the same individual, then being Bishop of Ferns, had a pension of £40 hereout, which, in 1228, the king ordered to be thenceforth payable out of the Exchequer, but that for the current year the bishop should receive the corn growing on this manor. For a notice in 1227, see the "*Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin*."

In 1280 the Bishop of Killaloe exchanged the manor of Roscrea for three ploughlands and 84½A. here, which were confirmed by royal grant to him and his successors. In 1306 the prebend, as it was then constituted, was valued at £20. For notices of the

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\* *State Papers*, Part 3, p. 416.



manor in 1330, 1333, and 1336, see at "Crumlin." In 1378 John Begg was receiver of its rents.

In 1385 Maurice Bermingham, Prebendary of Newcastle, having incurred the penalties of an absentee, obtained a royal remission thereof.\* For a notice of the manor in 1389, see at "Esker." In 1395 the king granted to the Carmelites of Leighlin an annuity of twenty marks for ever, charged upon the issues and profits of this manor.† For notices in 1403, see at "Kilmainham," and in 1406, at "Athgoe."

In 1407 the king granted to Stephen le Scrope, chevalier, for the term of his life, the reversion of this manor and of all the other manors then lately held by Geoffrey de Vale. For a notice in 1408, see at "Esker." In the following year John Umfray was prebend here.

In 1413 the king granted the manor to John Tanner and Richard Lawrence, together with all lands, tenements, courts, &c., thereunto belonging, 60A. in Kilmactalway, and 40A. in the Windmill Field; and in the same year conferred the chief sergeantry of this cantred, with all fees thereto appertaining, on John Sywarden. For notices in 1416, see at "Saggard;" and in 1421, at "Esker."

In 1427 the king committed to the Archbishop of Dublin, then Chancellor of Ireland, the custody of this manor, to hold with his office; and in the following year, by the advice of his council, and "considering the propinquity of blood of the beloved and faithful knight John, the bastard of Clarence, whereby he toucheth the royal person," and also in recompense for his services in France, granted to him during pleasure the manors of Esker, Newcastle of Lyons, Saggard, and Cromlin, which Jenico Dardis had theretofore held for his life. This distinguished favour was however subsequently commuted into an annuity issuing out of said manors, the custody of the three first having been previously granted to the Earl of Ormonde, and that of Cromlin to John Cornwalsh. For a notice in 1430, see at "Esker."

In 1444 the prior of Kilmainham, who had been taken pri-

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

soner, was confined in Newcastle, but was assisted in regaining his liberty by the son of Walter Bermingham, with the connivance of his keepers. For a notice in 1450, see at "Esler."

In 1461 the king granted the custody of this castle to Sir Rowland Fitz Eustace, Treasurer of Ireland, with an annual salary of £52 6s. 8d., and in 1467 King Edward confirmed an arrangement, by which the rectory of the parish was appropriated to the Archdeacon of Glendalough, the benefices of that dignity having been destroyed by "rebels and enemies, in so much that he had not sufficient means to support his rank or exercise hospitality." This endowment was further confirmed by an act of parliament in 1469.

In 1476 Sir Rowland Fitz Eustace, Lord of Portlester, in virtue of his office of King's Treasurer of Ireland, received £60 as a salary, out of this manor and that of Saggard with the appurtenances, while in 1527 King Henry having prevailed upon Sir Piers Butler to resign his earldom of Ormonde, that it might be conferred on the father of Anne Bullen, Sir Piers was created Earl of Ossory, with the creation annuity of £20 out of this manor.

In February, 1535, Sir William Brereton, Master Salisbury, and their retinue, with the retainers of their companions in arms, Dacres and Musgrave, lay here on their way to besiege the castle of the unfortunate Lord Thomas Fitzgerald at Maynooth. Newcastle was at this time accounted amongst the walled and good towns of the county, having also its castle and garrison. For a notice referrible to Newcastle in 1537, see at the "General History of the County of Dublin."

In 1538 commissioners were appointed to manage and let for twenty-one years such of the king's honors, manors, lordships, &c., as lay waste on the marches of the English Pale.\*

By inquisition of 1547 the minor canons and choristers of St. Patrick's Cathedral were found seised of (*inter alia*) four messuages, and 33a. in Newcastle, yearly value eighteen shillings, while the rector's (the Archdeacon of Glendalough's) demesne in this town was found to comprise one castle with its appurtenances,

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

and 18A. arable and pasture, which, with the altarages of Newcastle, Athgoe, Loughtown, and Colganstown, were stated to be worth £3 annually over and above the stipend of the curate and cost of wax for the high altar, and three pence chief-rent annually to the provost of Newcastle, and the repair of the chancel. The priory of Kilmainham had also 40A. near this, in the townland of Westpanstown. For a further notice in 1547, see at "Kilmactalway."

In 1601 an inquisition was taken concerning the extent of this manor, and in 1613 a charter was granted incorporating this town, and enabling its inhabitants to return burgesses. William Parsons, Esq., and William Rolles, gent., were thereupon appointed its representatives in the parliament of that year. On the occasion of which, it may be added, a new cloth of state and other ornaments of honor were provided at a charge of £700, as also a new sword of state, "silver gilt curiously wrought," to be carried before the Lord Deputy. The latter cost £45 15s., and liberates for the payment of both sums to the Lord Hay, Master of his Majesty's Wardrobe, are preserved in the Pell Office.

In the following year William Taaffe had a grant of a piece of pasture called the King's Wood, containing 23A., adjoining the respective commons of Newcastle and Lyons, "parcel of the inheritance of the crown, and for a long time concealed from it."

The regal visitation of 1615 states the church here as of the corps of the Archdeacon of Glendalough, that the curate was then lately dead, and that the church and chancel were in good repair.—For a notice, in the same year, of the possessions of the nunnery of Grace Dieu in this parish, see at that locality.

In 1620 George Taylor of Swords, died seised of two messuages and 60A. here, and of one messuage and 15A. in Rathcoole. In 1627 Thomas Aylmer was seised in tail male of the town, &c. of Newcastle, one castle, ten messuages, and 100A.\*

On the first of February, 1641, the Lords Justices sent out the Earl of Ormonde with a powerful army on an expedition to the County of Kildare, where, "pursuant to his orders," says Mr. Carte, "he burned Newcastle and Lyons, and gave up Naas to his

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

soldiers to plunder, having sent out parties to burn Castlemartin, Kilcullen Bridge, and in short all the country for seventeen miles in length and twenty-five in breadth.\* In the ensuing year this borough, as well as the adjoining village and castle of Lyons and the town of Naas, were "great receptacles for the prime gentlemen of the royalist party in Kildare," and in the same year its parliamentary representatives, Sir John Dongan and Henry Talbot, were expelled from the house for non-attendance. For a notice in 1654, see at "Kilmactalway."

In 1666 James Duke of York had a grant of 578A. in Newcastle, 264A. in Loughtown, Ballymakelly, 75A., Hazlehast, (Hazlehatch,) 51A., Hilcastown, 158A., Mazetown, 95A., &c., plantation measure. His estate in Newcastle was in 1703 granted to Stephen Riggs of Dublin.

In 1684 John Locke of Colemanstown died seised of seven acres here.† In 1688 — Williamson of Newcastle, clerk, was one of those attainted in King James's parliament, and in 1697 the Reverend Mr. William Brett was parish priest of Newcastle, Kill, Rathcoole, and Saggard, having as his curate the Reverend Patrick Duffy.

In 1724 John Neville had a lease of the lands of the minor canons here, specified as 39A. 2R. 23P., for sixty years, at the annual rent of £8, and a fine of £100.

A terrier of 1773 defines the extent of the Archdeacon of Glendalough's tithes in this parish, and that the glebe lands then amounted to 16A. 2R. 35P.

About the year 1782 this borough, which might well be considered close, its electors consisting of only twelve burgesses, was purchased from the Earl of Lanesborough by a member of the Latouche family, who thenceforth represented it in parliament.

In 1829, on the enclosure of the commons here, ten acres which were allotted to the crown, in whom the manor is still vested, were sold for £47 per acre to William Cowley.

The succession of the Seneschals of Newcastle, Esker, Saggard, and Cromlin, has been thus far ascertained :—

\* Carte's Ormond, vol. i. p. 296.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

1378 John Begg (of Newcastle only.)	1604 Sir Francis Stafford.
1385 Thomas Marward (of Cromlin only.)	1607 Samuel Molyneux.
1388 Geoffrey de Vale (of all but Cromlin.)	1622 Sir William Parsons, and Richard Parsons, his son.
1415 John Siward (of Newcastle only.)	1663 Robert Griffith, Esq. Sergeant at Law.
1450 John Sees.	1666 Matthew Barry.
1506 Thomas Netterville.	1696 Samuel Crenigan.
1529 Richard Fitz William.	1702 Robert Fox.
1536 Richard Savage.	1715 Francis Skiddy.
1559 James Stanyhurst.	1736 William Cooper.
1573 Lucas Dillon, of Moymet.	1761 Robert Barry.
1591 Sir William Sarsfield, of Lucan.	1777 Henry Westenra.
	1801 Henry Westenra, and Henry Westenra, junior, and the survivor.

The succession of members of parliament for this borough has been as follows:—

- 1613 William Parsons, Esq.; William Rolles, Gent.
- 1661 Francis Peasley, Esq.; Peter Wybrants, Alderman.
- 1689 (King James's parliament) Thomas Arthur, of Colganstown; John Talbot, of Belgard.
- 1692 Richard Morres, Esq.; Daniel Reading, Esq.
- 1695 John Tench, Esq.; Thomas Pooley, Esq.
- 1703 Daniel Reading, sen. Esq.; John South, Esq.
- 1711 Daniel Reading, Esq.; Charles Monck, Esq.
- 1713 Daniel Reading, Esq.; Edward Deane, Esq.
- 1715 Daniel Reading, Esq.; Charles Monck, Esq.
- 1725 Charles Monck, Esq.; Anthony Sheppard, Esq.
- 1727 Robert Sandford, Esq.; James Coghill, Esq.
- 1735 Robert Sandford, Esq.; Hon. James Butler.
- 1743 Robert Sandford, Esq.; John Butler, Esq.
- 1745 Robert Sandford, Esq.; Hon. John Butler.
- 1761 Hon. John Butler; John Fitz Gibbon, Esq.
- 1769 Hon. John Butler; William Stewart, Esq.
- 1776 Hon. John Butler; John Gamble, Esq.

1783 David Latouche, jun. Esq. ; John Latouche, Esq.

1785 John Latouche, Esq. ; Thomas Whaley, Esq.

The latter continued representatives of Newcastle to the time of the passing of the Act of Union, when this borough was disfranchised. Mr. Latouche, on both discussions of the measure, voted against it ; Mr. Whaley was in 1799 opposed to, but in the following year voted for it.

A closely shaded road conducts from Newcastle to Lyons in the county of Kildare, the seat of Lord Cloncurry. It would be, however, travelling beyond the scope of this work, to describe the more attractive portion of this demesne, its woods, its walks, its shady avenues, and lanes, its magnificent old trees, its fine sheet of water and islands, its beautiful alleys and rustic arbours, while it must be admitted, they approximate too closely to the scenes of this Excursion to be wholly unnoticed. Besides, the old church and ruined castle legitimate the visit, as both stand upon debateable ground, if not more correctly within the county of Dublin. They exhibit, nevertheless, nothing in themselves very worthy of attention, and have been, in the thoughtlessness of former proprietors, revoltingly enclosed in all the bustle of the farm yard. A by-road beguiles the tourist hence, over a hill, that displays the scenic beauties of Lyons to their best advantage, looking down upon the lake and its islands, and the house at the opposite side, on a fine glade studded with young plantations, and surrounded in the distance by ancient trees.

Emerging hence, at the western gate, a wild, lonely road, over the back of a mountain, presents an original state of country, which, in contrast with that

just left behind, enhances, perhaps, the enjoyment of the traveller. This eminence commands a most extensive view over the county of Kildare, while the descent on the Dublin side conducts, after a short space, to

## ATHGOE,

so denominated, as other Irish places commencing with "Ath," from its fordable stream. Here are also the ruins of a castle, but softened off in a modern dwelling-house, the former residence of Mr. Locke. This seat lies rather in a hollow, but the plantations are pretty, and well disposed.

In 632 the Annals of Ulster record a battle fought at Athgoe, in which the King of Leinster fell; it may be doubted, however, that the notice applies to this locality. In 1406 it is recorded, with more certainty, that the king, on the petition of divers poor tenants of his lordships of Newcastle of Lyons, Athgoe, Kilmactalway, Milltown, Hazelhyrst, Saggard, Ballintyre, &c., appointed Laurence Merbury, knight, Treasurer of Ireland, to inquire on oath as to certain collectors of subsidies within the county of Dublin, who, contrary to the king's mandate, had not ceased from distraining the said tenants from day to day.\* For a notice in 1654, see at "Kilmactalway."

In 1663 Thomas Eustace was decreed a right in remainder (*inter alia*) in the lands of Athgoe. And in 1686, sixty acres of Athgoe were granted to James Duke of York, saving the right under the aforesaid decree.

In 1684 John Locke died seised (*inter alia*) of 340 acres in Colemanstown, eighty acres of Athgoe, &c., then held by him of the king in free and common socage,† while by inquisition of

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

1693 it appears, that Richard Earl of Tyrconnel was, at the time of his attainder, seised of part of the town and 160 acres of the land of Athgoe, which the earl granted to Viscount Sidney, who assigned to one John Pacey, and the latter individual accordingly passed patent for same in 1703,\* while in 1700, Richard Nolan claimed and was allowed a leasehold interest in part of Athgoe, as forfeited by the said Earl of Tyrconnel.

Near Athgoe is the more ancient residence of the Locke family, exhibiting a small polygon ruin of one of those fortresses, that formerly constituted the defence of the English Pale, and the refuge of the harassed peasantry. In its fallen state, it still bears the name of Colemanstown Castle, and also presents an interesting remain of the barbican, standing at some distance in advance. Near it is the burial-ground, and the ancient chapel, which, as before mentioned, appertained to the church of Newcastle, and was reported by the Royal Commissioners of 1615 as then in good repair.

Returning through Newcastle,

#### KILMACTALWAY,

the next locality worthy of notice in this barony, presents the ruins of a church, thickly covered with ivy, measuring twenty yards in length by six in breadth, within which is a lonely monument, marking the burial-place of the Hartes of Greenogue. In the grave-yard lies a very ancient baptismal font.

The parish constitutes a prebend in St. Patrick's

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.



cathedral, with the vicarage of Clondalkin and other benefices annexed, and is of the annual value to the prebendary of £184 12s. 4d. It extends over 2492A. 2R. 20P., comprised in five townlands, and was returned in 1834 as having 457 inhabitants, of whom only fifteen were Protestants, according to the late Report. It is in the Catholic union of Clondalkin.

The church was dedicated to St. Magnanus, and was parochial until 1366.

In 1358 the king committed to William de Barton, clerk, for seven years, the custody of one mill, one carucate, and fifty acres of land in Saggard, Milltown, Rangailach, Angerston, and Kilmactalway.\*

In 1366 this church was united to the precentorship of St. Patrick's cathedral, and so continued until 1467, when it was erected into a distinct prebend, half the parish of Lusk having been conferred upon the precentor in lieu thereof. Archbishop Allen, in his Registry, styles this a sacerdotal prebend, and places it second in rank in the cathedral. For notices in 1389 and 1408, see at "Esker," in 1406 at "Athgoe," and in 1413 at "Newcastle."

In 1467 this parish, which had been annexed by Archbishop Minot to the precentorship of St. Patrick's, was, as before mentioned, erected into a distinct prebend, and an act of parliament obtained in confirmation thereof. In 1539 this prebend was taxed to the First Fruits at £13 6s. 8d.

In 1545 John Russel leased the lands of Kilmactalway, &c. to John Mey and his wife for thirty-one years. In the following year, at the time of the suppression of St. Patrick's cathedral, Henry Parker was prebendary of this place, as he was also at the time of its restoration. The extent and value of the rectory and its tithes were defined by an inquisition of 1547, in which year,

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\* Rot. in Cur. Scacc. Lond.

James the son and heir of Nicholas Russell, granted to the Dean and Precentor of St. Patrick's, all his rights and possessions in Newcastle and Kilmactalway.

In 1577 Nicholas Dillon died seised of 30A. here, which he held of the crown at an annual rent.\* For a notice in 1609, see at "Cabragh," and in 1611 at the ensuing article "Milltown."

At the regal visitation in 1615 Barnaby Boulger, *Prebendary* of Kilmactalway, was present. The prebend was then valued at £40,† the church being of the corps *thereof*. The Return further states, that Richard Wyborne was *curate*, and that the church and chancel were in good *repair*. In 1630 Launcelot Bulkeley, Archbishop of Dublin, held this prebend in commendam, and continued so to do, until the establishment of the usurped government.

In 1634 Thomas Luttrell died seised of 80A. here, and in the confiscations of 1641, James Aylmer forfeited 48A. of Jordans-town within this parish.‡

In 1654 (14 Chas. II.) a member of the Mey family was decreed part of a castle and 60A. in Athgoe, a castle, three cottages, and 89A. in Kilmactalway, with sundry other lands, &c. in Newcastle, Kilmainham, and Ratoath, of which his grandfather had been theretofore seised, and on the marriage of a female, the heiress of the Meys, with the ancestor of Mr. Bagot of Castle Bagot, these possessions passed into the latter family, in whom they still continue.

In 1669 James Duke of York had a grant of 20A. plantation measure here.

In 1688 Ralph Rule, then *Prebendary* of Kilmactalway, was one of those attainted in King James's parliament.

A terrier of 1780 states, that this parish had so diminished in its value, "by reason of the decrease of tillage," as to be then worth but £60 per annum.

\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

† It may be here observed, that £40 Irish money was at this time only equal to £30 English.

‡ Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

The succession of its prebendaries has been thus far ascertained :—

1495. Richard Mylyne.	1701. Hugh Wilson.
1546. Henry Parker.	1701. — Standish.
1558. William Ritherche.	1727. Francis Wilson.
1578. Richard Anumson.	1743. Philip Hoby.
1615. Barnaby Boulger.	1748. William Usher.
1630. Launcelot Bulkeley.	1752. William Pountney.
1660. Thomas Potter.	1771. John Drury.
1666. Benjamin Phipps.	1791. Charles Mosse.
1682. Moses Viridet.	1800. John Grant.
1685. Ralph Rule.	1815. John Reade.
1690. Thomas Hardcastle.	

The ruins of the old church before alluded to, are enclosed in the demesne of Mr. Bagot, which is handsomely enclosed by woods, traversed by shady avenues, and variegated with shrubberies, while the farmer will be much gratified by the choice breed of the short-horned Durham stock that wander over all its pastures. The mansion-house has a fine appearance, and the interior is suitably commodious. At one side of it is a deep, dark grove of splendid Portugal laurels, and other evergreens, in the midst of which, a slip of the willow, that overhangs Napoleon's grave, has grown into a graceful tree; while at the other side of the house, are parterres of flowers, amidst which two plots attract especial notice, being edged with box, formally planted, and exhibiting in everlasting verdure the words

#### REFORM and MULGRAVE.

This fine park is, however, on every side encompassed by these ragged portions of church land, which, under their present management, are not only unseemly

wastes in themselves, but operate vital injury and disparagement to all the improvements that can be induced in their vicinity.

One of the avenues of this demesne leads to the ruins of the church of Kilbride, which measure seven yards in length by four and a half in breadth, the bell-fry being in one of the gables. Close to it are the remains of the castle, once the inheritance of the de Verdon family.

Returning to Dublin, immediately outside Castle Bagot, is the townland of

#### MILL-TOWN,

anciently called Milltown-Regis, from its being situated within the royal manor of Newcastle, and to distinguish it from Miltown near Rathmines. This locality is now partly the fee of Mr. Wall, and partly of Mr. Bagot.

For notices hereof in 1353, see at "Kilmactalway;" in 1389 and 1408, at "Esker;" and in 1406, at "Athgoe." In 1610 Sir Robert Newcomen, assignee of Alexander King and Robert Sutton, auditors of the Exchequer in England, had a grant of the water-mill in the king's Milltown, 40A. in the windmill land, parcel of the manor of Newcastle, the castle and 60A. in Rowlough, parcel of the estate of Viscount Baltinglas, attainted, &c.; and in 1611 Captain Roger Atkinson passed patent for a mill and certain premises in Esker, 2A. in Swords, called the Roper walk, all parcel of the estate of St. Mary's Abbey, 33A. in Kilmactalway, and 30A. here, excepting all premises contained in a previous patent to Francis Annesley, "all said lands being parcel of the ancient inheritances of the crown." For notices of the mill and its appurtenances in 1615, see at "Grace Dieu," and at "Portrane."

## NANGER

succeeds, a seat of Mr. Rourke.

Early in the fourteenth century this locality was the property of the de Verdon family, who were also seised of Kilbride, Ballygriffin, and Ballycony, in this county.\*

In 1539 divers lands in Staffordstown, Knockdrommon, Lusk, Kilbride, and the Nanger, were granted to Gerald Aylmer, then Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and his heirs male, at the annual rent of £20. This, as well as the other lands, were claimed by Thomas Bathe, of Dullardstown, as his rightful inheritance, when, upon compromise, the lands here and in Kilbride were given up to said Thomas, who thereupon passed patent for same in fee, to be held as of the manor of Crumlin by fealty only, and the payment of one red rose at the feast of St. John yearly; which patent was, in 1610, confirmed to John, the heir of said Thomas; and who, it appears by inquisition, died in 1634, seised accordingly of a castle, four messuages, and 60A. arable in this townland.†

In 1703 Joseph Budden passed patent for 95A. here, "the estate of Robert Nottingham, attainted," and for a further notice about the same time, see at "Ballyowen."

Adjacent to Nanger are some remains of Dean's-rath Castle, a portion of the church property before alluded to, between which and the banks of the Grand Canal, are the interesting ruins of the church of

## KILMACUDRICK,

which gives name to a little parish of 181A. 1R. 1P.

This place has been celebrated by some as the birth place of St. Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, although others maintain that he was born at Kells. The former account is, however, con-

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

firmed by the annals of St. Mary's Abbey, and is, perhaps, somewhat confirmed by the fact that the church here was dedicated to him. His mother, Sabina, having undertaken a pilgrimage to Rome on a religious account, placed him in the abbey of Melross, where he was first admitted a monk and afterwards made prior, an office which he discharged with great honour. He then removed to Lindisfarne at the instance of Eata, bishop of that see, whence, nevertheless, he passed over into the island of Farne, distant from Lindisfarne about nine miles in the sea, where he lived the life of a hermit until he was elected bishop, which dignity he was at length, with great difficulty, persuaded to accept, being overcome by the earnest importunity of King Egfrid and others, and was consecrated at York in the king's presence by Theodore, archbishop of that see, on Easter Sunday, 684. Venerable Bede says, he spent only two years in the bishopric, and then returned to the island of Farne and his monastery, where he died on the twentieth of March, 686. He is said to have written "*Ordinationes suæ ecclesiæ*," "*Præcepta vitæ Regularis*," and "*Exhortationes ad fratres*." His life has been written by John of Tynmouth, and by Bede both in prose and verse. The church here, as stated, was dedicated to him, and accordingly in 1540 "the church of St. Cuthbert of Kilmacudrick," was, together with the parish of New Grange, united by George Brown, Archbishop of Dublin, to the church of St. Machutus of Clondalkin, which union still subsists.\*

The ruins of the "Old Church," as this of Kilmacudrick is pre-eminently styled, are discovered in a retired situation surrounded by venerable elder trees. They present aisle and chancel, the former measures seven yards by five, the latter six by five, the arch connecting them being pointed, as are the windows of both sections. One magnificent funereal plume of ivy, the growth of centuries, surmounts the connecting arch between the aisle and chancel, and overshadowing both, gives venerable testimony that service has never been per-

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\* Dign. Dec. p. 209.

formed here since the days of the Reformation. There are no monuments of note within the consecrated ground, which in truth indefinitely mingles into a meadow.

The course of the road returning hence is a portion of that of a future excursion, to which its more especial notice is referred. It passes through Clondalkin and Blue Bell, and, leaving Drymnagh Castle at left and Crumlin village at right, enters Kilmainham; turning from which, by a road that overlooks the valley of that locality and its intersecting rivulets, the tourist may re-enter the city by the military road, having at his right the high grounds of Mount Brown and James's-street, the vitriol works of Mr. Jones, the ancient church-yard of St. James's, and a line of hospitals, as alluded to in a former part of this work, while at his left the Liffey, after receiving the waters of the little Cammock, glides under the King's Bridge into the city, embellished at the opposite side by the Phoenix Park, the Wellington testimonial, the Royal Infirmary, and the Barracks, the latter object of observation being usually animated by the parade of soldiery, the glittering of arms, and the voice of bugles.

“ Oh ! the sight entrancing,  
When morning's beam is glancing  
O'er files arrayed  
With helm and blade,  
And plumes in the gay wind dancing !  
When hearts are all high beating,  
And the trumpet's voice repeating  
That song, whose breath  
May lead to death,  
But never to retreating.”

## THE SIXTH EXCURSION,

emerges from the city in about the same direction as the last, through the village of Dolphin's Barns, to which, however, the pedestrian may arrive with at least the advantage of variety, after inspecting the excellent docks of the Grand Canal Company at the south side of James's-street, and passing thence over a high raised footway, having at one side the long line of aqueduct that brought the earliest supply of fresh water to the city, and at the other, at a much lower level, a stream, that, after having been tossed and fretted in the service of some rural mills, here glides into the liberties, to render its last service to the dyers of that district. The Dublin mountains appear in front, frequently, as on the day when the author made this excursion, covered with snow, while a warm sunshine was shed over the suburbs, and the vegetation of spring was swelling from every tree, and field, and garden; and, in befitting accordance with the day—the scene—the season—the aspirations of human gratitude, the peelings of the Sabbath calls, and the varying heaven-directed harmonies, rose alike from church and chapel, one incense to the God of all.

The road from Dolphin's Barns to Crumlin passes over a bleak and thinly inhabited country, the Dublin



mountains being at left, and the formally planted banks of the Grand Canal at right; thence, through one of those skulking turnpikes, that unjustly subject some districts of the vicinity of Dublin to that assessment, while others are utterly exempted; and presently the tourist arrives at the ruinous village of

## CRUMLIN,

a locality, which is said to derive its name from Crum, one of the alleged objects of heathen worship in Ireland. It is traversed and surrounded by perhaps the very worst roads in the county, but is wholesomely situated, and was formerly a fashionable outlet.

The church is plain, and without monuments. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners lately granted £79 14s. 11d. for its repairs. In the grave-yard are several ancient tombstones, two to some members of the Deane family of Ravensthorp, in Northamptonshire, and of Pinnock, in Gloucestershire, at the close of the seventeenth century; one to Eliza, daughter of Maurice Cuffe, of the county Clare, who died in 1699; to the Purcells, from 1691; to the Mac Creerys, from 1794; a white marble mural slab to Alderman Reynolds, who died in 1772; another to the Gerrards from 1751-2, &c. At the opposite side of the road is the glebe-house, with about an acre of glebe contiguous.

There is also here a small Roman Catholic chapel in the T form, and a Roman Catholic poor school in the village for this and the adjacent parishes, supported by charity sermons and voluntary contribu-

tions, and attended by about seventy children. A parochial Protestant school has been likewise established here, principally supported by the incumbent, Mr. Elliott, but the number of its pupils is very limited.

There were formerly 150A. of commons here, on which horse races were exhibited. This tract is now enclosed. Near it are quarries of calp, and its accompanying black flinty limestone, in beds varying from one to three feet thick, dipping gently towards the south. Close to the town is a fine house, formerly belonging to a long resident branch of the Keogh family, and now inhabited by a Mr. Weldon.

The parish extends over 1817A. OR. 38P. comprised in eight townlands. The parliamentary return of 1824 classes it as in the barony of Newcastle, as do the population returns, the latest of which (in 1831) states its number of inhabitants as 958 persons. It has compounded for its tithes at the annual rate of £233 16s. 4d. payable to the incumbent. The rectory and presentation to the curacy are in the Dean and Chapter of St. Patrick's. In the Roman Catholic arrangement this parish is in the union of Rathfarnham. Mr. Shaw is the chief proprietor, Mr. Keogh having the fee of a portion. Rent rates from £4 to £6 per acre.

Crumlin, as before mentioned, was one of the four ancient manors in this county annexed to the crown, of which Hollinshed, in his Chronicle, says, "The manor of Crumlin payeth a greater chiefrent to the prince than any of the other three, which proceedeth of this; the Seneschal, being offended with the tenants for their misdemeanor, took them up very sharply in the court, and,

with rough and minatory speeches, began to menace them. The lobbish and desperate clobberiousness, taking the matter in dudgeon, made no more words, but knocked their seneschal on the costard, and left him there, sprawling on the ground, for dead. For which detestable murder their rent was enhanced, and they pay at this day nine pence per acre, which is double to any of the other three manors."

At the time of the invasion William de Harptre was possessed of the advowson of Crumlin, which he conferred on his clerk Robert, in free and perpetual alms. In this grant he included the tithes of all timber cut in the wood there, and permission to appropriate sixteen acres most convenient to the church. In 1192 John Earl of Moreton, "for the love of God, the salvation of his soul, and those of his predecessors and successors," granted the church in frankalmoigne, as an additional prebend to St. Patrick's, but reserved the advowson to the Archbishop of Dublin. It was at this time called Crum or Trum, a similarity of name which occasioned a dispute between the Archbishop of Dublin and the Bishop of Meath, the former asserting that Prince John had presented William Riddel to the church of St. Patrick of Trim, and had afterwards granted the advowson thereof to John Archbishop of Dublin.\* In 1215 King John transferred this church to the economy of St. Patrick's Cathedral, which arrangement was confirmed by a Bull of Pope Innocent the Third.† This grant is remarkable, as having been the only one given in frankalmoigne from the crown to that establishment. In the same year the king confirmed to William, the son of John de Harptre, his lands and their appurtenances here.‡ In 1306 the church of Crumlin was taxed to the tenths at twenty shillings.

In 1330 the king granted to Thomas de Warilowe the office of Seneschal of the lordships of Newcastle of Lyons, Crumlin, and Saggard, for his life;§ and in 1333 committed the said manors to

\* Rot. Com. Banc. See also the ingenious and well collected "Notices of Trim," as the author, the Rev. Richard Butler, vicar of that parish, with too much diffidence, designates his local researches.

† Dign. Dec. ‡ Rot. in Turr. Lond. § Rot. in Cur. Scacc. Lond.

the custody of his "valet," Robert de Montpeillers,\* while William de Barthelby was seneschal thereof.†

In 1336 the king granted to John Fitzwilliam Jordan, for his life, the manor of Crumlin, as an ancient royal demesne.‡ In the same year he constituted Thomas Smithe Seneschal of the lordships of Newcastle of Lyons, Crumlin, and Saggard, for five years;§ and in the following year granted to the natives and tenants of Crumlin and their heirs 122A. of land, with the appurtenances in said manor, at the rent of £6 17s. 3d., provided they and their heirs, within ten years, and at their own expense, caused the town to be enclosed against the attacks of enemies.||

In 1374 King Edward the Third, having granted an annuity of 100 marks to the Bishop of Meath, charged twenty marks thereof on the manor of Crumlin;¶ and afterwards committed said manor to his custody during pleasure.\*\* In 1385 the king granted to Anne, the wife of Philip Courtenay, Lieutenant of Ireland, the custody of the manor, to hold rent free as long as said Philip was Lieutenant.†† In the following year he granted the manor to John Slegh for the term of his life.‡‡ In 1388 Thomas Mareward was seneschal of this manor, for a notice of which in 1412, see at "Esker."

In 1415 King Henry the Fifth granted this manor, rent free, to Laurence Merbury, for the term of his life, with license to draw the profits thereof during his absence from Ireland, without incurring the penalties against absentees.§§ The manor was then valued at £30 per annum. In 1417 John Giffard, chaplain, had the custody of 30A. arable and four of wood in Crumlin, to hold under the king during pleasure; and in 1424 the king committed the custody of this manor to John Charneles at the true value.¶¶ In the following year it was committed to the Archbishop of Dublin.¶¶ For notices in 1428, see at "Newcastle;" and in 1430 and 1450, at "Esker." In 1432 James Blakeney had its custody during pleasure.\*\*\*

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\* Rot. in Cur. Scacc. Lond.      † Ib.      ‡ Rot. in Turr. Lond.

§ Rot. in Cur. Scacc. Lond.      || Ib.      ¶ Rot. Claus. in Turr. Lond.

\*\* Rot. in Cur. Scacc. Lond.      †† Rot. in Canc. Hib.      ‡‡ Ib.

§§ Rot. in Canc. Hib.      ||| Ib.      ¶¶ Ib.      \*\*\* Ib.

It appears from a document of 1496, that a cross was then standing in Crumlin.

In 1535 the King's Treasurer in Ireland, (William Brabazon,) writing to the Lord Cromwell, in reference to this and the other royal manors in the county, says, "The Chief Justice and I rode about the king's lands, which, of all other, be now the worst, and most wasted, but, God willing, it will amend. If it now stand with the king's pleasure, the land of Ireland may be at commandment, as his grace will have, if it be quickly handled, and in especial, to banish the Tooles, the Byrnes, and the Kavanaghs, with Mac Murrough and his sept, which is easy to be done; and to proceed further into other parts. If the king's deputies of this land heretofore had been true and willing the king's advancement, as they have tended their own lucre, the king's grace had never to have been at any such great charge as he now is at. My Lord Deputy that now is, (Skeffington,) is a very good man of war, but he is not quick enough for this country, and somewhat covetous. Therefore, my poor advice shall be to your mastership, that he may repair into England, saying he hath done well; and considering his age and sickness, which is not meet for the wars here. A good deputy, that is quick and not covetous, which will see justice equally ministered to the king's subjects, soon shall order this part of Ireland so that it shall be in as much quietness as any part of England. My Lord Chancellor of Ireland, (Lord Trimleston,) who is now with your mastership, by the king's command, as I think, is not meet to be the King's Chancellor here; and in Ireland is none so meet as is the Lord of Kilmainham, after whose death, by mine assent, should never be lord there more but the king."\*

For a notice in 1539, see at "Nanger." An inquisition of 1547 finds the possessions of the economy of St. Patrick's in this parish, and returns their tithes here as then worth £10 13s. 4d., while the minor canons and choristers of the same religious house had about sixteen acres of land in this parish, and its vicars choral six. The abbey of the Virgin Mary of Dublin had also seventeen acres and a half in Crumlin, and the nunnery of Grace Dieu fifty.

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\* State Letters, temp. Hen. VIII. Part 3, p. 279.

In 1577 Nicholas Dillon, of Cappock, died, seised of 40A. which he held of the king as of this manor.\*

The Court Book of the proceedings in this manor, from 1592 to 1597, is in the Manuscript Collections of Primate Marsh's Library.

In 1594 Gerald Fitz Gerald, then in rebellion, and at the head of the Wicklow insurgents, burned this village.

In 1599 Thomas Fagan died, seised of a house and 13A. here,† which descended to his daughter Elinor, and to her son Christopher Fagan, of Feltrim. For notices in 1599 and 1602, see at "Ballyowen;" in 1602, at "Dalkey;" and in 1603 and 1606, at "Saggard."

In 1608 the king's letter issued for a grant to Patrick Fox of 100A. here, as then leased to John Talbot, and which had been parcel of the lands of David Sutton, attainted. The grant was accordingly passed in the following year, subject to a certain rent to the rector of Crumlin.‡

The regal visitation of 1615 states, that the rectory of Crumlin appertained to the minor canons of St. Patrick's, that William Cogan was curate, that the church and chancel, having been covered with lead, were burned in a time of rebellion, and that the parishioners (the whole town having been burned on that occasion) were so poor that they could not yet repair the church.

In 1617 John Bathe passed patent for 17½A. here, parcel of the estate of St. Mary's abbey; 70A., parcel of the estate of the monastery of Grace Dieu, and seven in Hollywood, mountain land.§

The parliamentary army under Cromwell encamped here at the time of his invasion, and numerous stripes of the land were then parcelled out by him to his victorious soldiery.

In 1661 Lord Kingston was, by order of the House of Lords, restored to certain possessions here.

In 1665 Matthew Barry had a lease of a moiety of the tithes of Crumlin from the minor canons, for sixty-one years at £10

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

‡ Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

§ Ib.

yearly rent; and in 1669 the small tithes were leased by the same persons for three years, at the yearly rent of thirty shillings.\*

In 1690 part of King William's forces, with his majesty himself in person, encamped at Crumlin, and here he gave commission to the Earl of Longford, the Bishop of Meath, and seven others, or any five of them, to inquire into, seize, and secure all forfeitures to the crown, incurred by the civil war, with all necessary powers. According to Story, "the Bishop of Meath, whether his lordship was sensible of the defect of the commission at first, or else did not like the proceedings of some of the rest, soon forbore his attendances at their meetings, but the rest proceeded in their business;"—"but in such a method," he adds in another place, "as was neither to the king's advantage nor satisfaction, and not much to their own credits." It was in Crumlin this monarch, likewise, settled the method of granting protections according to his declaration, and from this place he issued his proclamation for stopping the currency of the brass money coined by James, except at reduced rates of valuation. The Purcell family appear to have been about this time seised of the manor and a portion of the lands of Crumlin.

In 1818 the commons were enclosed by act of parliament, and in 1819 the church here was rebuilt. It is a neat stone structure, annexed to a more ancient tower in the pointed style.

In 1829 on the enclosure of the commons here, four acres which were allotted to the crown, under the act 58 Geo. III. c. 28 for enclosing lands in the parishes of Kilmainham, St. James, Clondalkin, Crumlin, &c., were sold for £75 per acre, to Joseph Craige Scully, Esq. The manor is still vested in the crown.

For the succession of the seneschals of Crumlin, see at "Newcastle."

The botanist will find here by the sides of the ditches, *valeriana officinalis*, great wild valerian.—In the walls of the church, *adiantum album*, wall rue tentwort.—In the hedges, *viola canina*, dog's

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\* Minor Canons' Register.

violet, flowering from April to August; *stellaria graminea*, lesser stichwort; and in the surrounding fields, *stellaria holostea*, greater stichwort; and *corylus avellana*, hazel-nut, flowering in March; the wood of this species is used for several domestic and agricultural purposes, and makes an excellent charcoal for drawing.

Passing hence, the ancient castle of

#### DRYMNAGH,

deriving name from its situation, i. e. on the ridgy district, appears at right, in a better state of preservation than has been the ordinary lot of the old buildings of this country. Traces of its once broad and deep fosse, its fine ancient doorways and balustrades, its winding stairs and battlemented roof are still distinctly defined, but modern additions, though necessary for its safety and fitness as a dwelling, have detracted much from its original appearance, and given it rather the lineaments of a fortified house. The buildings, however, occupy a spot of much romantic beauty, overlooking at the east the city and bay, and at north the Park, Castleknock, and Clondalkin, while towards the south the view is bounded by the mountains of the county of Dublin, presenting a dark and solemn aspect, congenial to the decaying splendour of the edifice.

In the ecclesiastical consideration of this locality, although not mentioned in the Registry of Archbishop Allen, it has always been considered as a parish ap-



pendant to Clondalkin. It extends over 732A. OR. 18P., now the estate of the Marquis of Lansdowne, and has compounded for its tithes to the incumbent at £140 per annum. Those tithes were the ancient fee of the dean of St. Patrick's, but established by endowment on the vicar, together with the altarages and small tithes of the whole parish and glebe.\*

According to Hollinshed, Drymnagh was the first place, where, after a slaughter of the Barnewall family at Beerhaven, resembling that of the Fabii, in the circumstance of leaving but one youth surviving, that youth settled his residence; and, whence, says Campion, "a second brother removed to Trimlestown, and married the Lady Bruns, who caused him to be made baron." In 1215 Hugo de Bernivale had a grant from King John, of the lands of Drymnagh and Tyrenure in this county,† and this estate continued in his descendants for upwards of four centuries. In 1221 the above-mentioned Hugo de Bernivale died, leaving Reginald de Bernivale, his brother and heir, (the lineal ancestor of the first Lord Trimleston,) to whom accordingly King Henry directed the possession of Drymnagh to be given, after a grant during minority. See "Tyrenure." In 1227 King Henry partly gave and partly confirmed to this Sir Reginald, fifteen librates of land. For a notice in 1415, see at "Balrothery."

In 1435 Sir Wolfran Barnewall had license to entail all his estates in Drymnagh, Tyrenure, Balrothery, &c., to the use of himself for life, and afterwards to the use of his sons John, Reginald, and Wolfran, with remainders to Robert, Henry, and Christopher Barnewall, and their heirs male. The Robert here mentioned, was the Sir Robert Barnewall, who was afterwards created Baron of Trimleston.‡—For a notice relative to its tithes in 1530, see at "Clondalkin."

On the occasion of the hosting of 1532, at the hill of Owens-town in this county, Robert Barnewall was amongst those sum-

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\* Mason's St. Patrick's, p. 32.

† Rot. in Turr. Lond.

‡ Roll. in Ch. Rememb. Off.

moned to appear in right of his lay fee of Drymnagh. In 1547 James Bathe of Drymnagh, and Elizabeth Burnell his wife, and Edward the son and heir of Robert Barnewall of Drymnagh, deceased, had pardon of intrusion on the estates of the said Robert, and of all alienations thereof made without license.

In 1613 the king's letter issued in favour of Peter Barnewall, whose elder brother Marcus being seised of Drymnagh and Ballyfermot, leased them to Sir Adam Loftus, reserving the timber trees, and died without issue male; whereupon, under settlements, the lands descended to said Peter, who being reluctant to grant a new lease to Sir Adam, he combined with a daughter of Marcus and her husband to keep Peter from his inheritance, and Sir Adam further cut down the great trees contrary to the covenant of the parties. The letter expresses the king's disapprobation, if Barnewall's statement should prove true, of Sir Adam Loftus, being one of his council, intermeddling in buying litigious titles or estates, and directs that Peter Barnewall may be admitted to his traverse, and have favourable and speedy proceeding therein, and that Sir Adam should discontinue the felling of the woods. It further directs, that the Barons of the Exchequer should be informed, that the king's name is not to be used to colour pretended titles, to the oppression of the subject.\* Various depositions were subsequently taken in reference to this matter in the Castle Chamber, and are yet of record.

In 1614 this castle was considered of such consequence, that, according to Cox, the Duke of Ormonde was inclined, before the battle of Rathmines, to strengthen himself there and raise fresh fortifications, but was dissuaded from this purpose by Purcell and his general officers.

The little river, that filled the fosse, has been in more modern times deepened into a reservoir for the uses of a paper-mill, whose busy voice alone disturbs the silence of a pretty glen immediately adjacent. This factory is kept by Mrs. Sullivan, and employs about twenty-five persons of both sexes.

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

The course of the Excursion hence is chiefly through

#### THE BARONY OF UPPERCROSS,

a district which also derives its name from the assemblage of the *Croceæ*, or cross lands that compose it, and which are equally scattered and insulated amongst other baronies, as those of *Nethercross* before detailed. This, according to ancient surveys, was assessed as comprising 30,428A., of which 6446A. were considered waste. That estimate, however, included 1790A. in Kevin's parish, now in connexion with the city. The total of these contents were allotted in ten parishes, and subdivided into 120 townlands. The parishes, so assigned to it, are Tallagh, Clondalkin, Rathcoole, Ballymore-Eustace, Milltown-Dunlavin, Ballybought, Tipperkevin, Shankhill, and Dalkey, besides Kevin's parish in the city.

The remote southern parts of this barony, as well as those of Rathdown, bordering on the county of Wicklow, being for the most part uncultivated heath and rocky mountain, unfriendly to vegetation, and difficult to cultivate, are covered with loose rocks and destitute of soil, while even the parts capable of improvement are, unhappily, from the precarious tenure by which church lands have hitherto been held, but ill husbanded by their tenants and occupants. The operation, however, of the Church Temporalities Acts, 3 & 4 Will. IV. c. 37, and 4 & 5 Will. IV. c. 90, &c., seems likely ultimately to shake off this too long sustained incubus on agricultural advancement.

In 1641 the quantity of lands forfeited in this barony, was stated as 2645A. profitable, and 487A. unprofitable, while the glebe and church lands therein are laid down as 521A., and the commons, lying between the forfeited and unforfeited lands, as 314A. See a notice of the church lands in this barony, at that of Coolock in 1667.

In 1773 a portion of the Liberty of St. Sepulchre's, including the precincts of St. Patrick's cathedral and the liberty of Donore, which had theretofore been parcel of this barony, was, by act of parliament, separated from it and constituted a distinct barony, by the name of that of Donore.

A great part of the road from Drymnagh to Green Hills, is over such a portion of palpable "esker," or elevated mound, as yet verifies the ancient division of Ireland, between Conn Ceadchathach and Modha Nuagat, as mentioned before at "Esker." The village of Green Hills is an assemblage of neat cottages, surrounded by hilly pastures, that are let for about £5 per acre. These swells have pits of sand, or, rather of marle, abounding with limestone gravel, but are finely coated with verdure, and present many pretty situations for inland villas and summer residences. Near this locality is a rath, and in the immediate vicinity is Timon castle, hereafter spoken of.

At right succeeds the formerly, and appropriately styled Commons of Fox and Geese, for to such animals were they for centuries wholly consigned. They have, however, been recently enclosed, but still exhibit the appearance of a mangled face of country, somewhat recovering its skin, but deeply pitted by its former visitation.

At left, in the townland of Ballymount, are seen the ruins of a castle; and at Killeen, on the right,

near the Grand Canal, are Mr. M'Donnell's extensive paper mills, employing about 150 persons; beyond which the woods of Mr. Colclough's seat, near Lucan, make a good appearance. At the locality of Blue Bell, equally contiguous to this course, are a woollen factory and oil mill, the former kept by Mr. Moore, employing about seventy persons of both sexes, and all ages. A tract of ground, beautifully undulated and intersected with rivulets, leads hence to

## BELGARD,

the estate of Mr. Dillon Trant, a gentleman who spends much of his time and fortune in Ireland, stimulating the industry, and improving the circumstances and morals of his numerous tenantry. On the swell of its hill, rising above woods, is a fine mansion house, the present residence of a Mr. Cruise. It commands a great diversity of pleasing views, including the city, bay, and adjacent mountains, with extensive tracts of the counties of Dublin, Kildare, and Meath, and is surrounded by an extensive walled demesne, large plantations, and rich meadows. There was formerly a common of 24A. annexed to the village, but it is now enclosed.

In the remoter centuries Belgard was the property of the Talbots, a branch of that noble family, whose general achievements have been enumerated at the locality of Malahide, and of whom, therefore, it may here suffice to say, that eight centuries of foreign and domestic history are filled with their renown. In the wars of the Henrys and the Edwards, and in the fierce feuds of

the roses, they were signally distinguished, nor less in tilt and tournament, measuring lances with the most illustrious knights of Germany, France, and England; while, by marriage, they were connected with the most noble houses of the empire. In the reign of Henry the Third, it will be remembered, that Gilbert Talbot intermarried with the daughter of Rhys ap Griffith, Prince of Wales; and, in that of Edward the Third, George Lord Talbot obtained the hand of Joan, daughter of the Duke of Gloucester, the king's brother; and thus the Talbots became allied with the royal families of England and Wales.

Soon after the invasion of Ireland, branches of the family obtained considerable grants in the counties of Dublin and Meath; and their prowess and chivalrous spirit could not select a theatre more calculated for its constant development than Belgard. It was the border fortress of the Pale—the great barrier against the incursions of the mountain clans. Often, in the deep glens and wild passes that intervened, did the Lords of Belgard and the chieftains of Imaile, the Talbots and O'Tooles, measure their strength in alternate triumphs. Sometimes the sudden encounter and the furious onset would prevail against orderly array and disciplined valour, and the cross bow was cloven down by the battle-axe. On other, and more frequent occasions, the garrison of the castle would penetrate the defiles of the hills, and carry desolation by fire and sword into the fastnesses of the indomitable Irishry of Wicklow. In truth, the history of Belgard and its border wars, rescued from the dust in which the records of Ireland are suffered to moulder, would furnish one of the most interesting pictures of the state of government and society in Ireland from the twelfth to the sixteenth century.

In 1491 Robert Talbot, who was previously seised of Belgard and other considerable estates, had a grant from John Fitz William, of Ballynascorney, Killenarden, Ballymace, and Tyngower. For a further notice of him, see at “Kilmainham,” in 1513.

In 1517 Reginald Talbot died, seised of the lands of Belgard, Rochestown, Milltown, Kilenannagh, Ballynergan, Ballykeanna, Cootestown, Whitestown, Killenarden, Ballymace, Old Court, Burragh, Corbally, Salistown, Tyngower, Corkagh; parcels in Clondalkin, Ballymore, Nottestown, Much Mayne, Little Mayne,

Kinsaly, Feltrim, and Swords, in this county ; and of portions of land in the city of Dublin, comprising some thousands of acres.

In 1524 a remarkable notice concerning his son is found in the pages of Campion :—"Pierce Butler, Earl of Ossory, Lord Deputy, Kildare attending the king's pleasure for his despatch, recovered favour at the instance of the Duke of Suffolk, whose daughter, Dame Elizabeth Grey, he espoused royally, and so departed home. Now, there was a great partaker of all the Deputy's council, one Robert Talbot, of Belgard, whom the Geraldines hated deadly ; him they surmised to keep a kalendar of all their doings, and to stir the coals that incensed brother against brother. In which fury James Fitz Gerald, meeting the said gentleman beside Ballymore, slew him even there, journeying to keep his Christmas with the Deputy. With this despicable murder both sides broke out into open rage, and especially the Countess of Ossory, Kildare's sister, a rare woman, and able for wisdom to rule a realm, had not her stomach overruled herself. Here began intimation of new treasons, passing to and fro with complaints and replies ; but Suffolk had wrought the canvas so fast in his son-in-law's behalf, that he was suffered to rest at home, and only commissioners directed thither, with authority to examine the root of their griefs, wherein, if they found Kildare but even tolerably purged, their instructions *was* to depose the plaintiff, and to swear the other Lord Deputy,"\* which they accordingly did.

In 1616 a recovery was suffered of the manor, land, &c. of Belgard, comprising one castle, four messuages, and 120A., together with sundry other lands in the vicinity to the use of the Talbots, about which time was born within the walls of that castle, the celebrated Richard Talbot, Duke of Tyrconnel, of whom mention has been made in this work (*ante*, p. 207). The Duke of Marlborough and this individual, it may be here added, were alike distinguished for their noble exterior and graceful manners, vied with each other in demonstrations of loyalty, were married to sisters, the most beautiful females of the court, and in their pursuits and attachment to the Stuarts, were long strikingly associated. At the Revolution, however, Talbot pursued the road of

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\* Campion's History of Ireland.

devoted and uncalculating honor, and was overwhelmed. Church-hill floated on the tide of treachery, and attained power and glory. The memory of the one duke will live as long as mankind can cherish virtue, and honour principle; the splendid victories of the other cannot hide from the moralist, his abandonment of all principle, and desertion of his ill-fated sovereign.

In 1637 John Talbot died seised of Belgard, &c. He was a colonel in the army, distinguished himself in the continental wars, and was buried at Tallagh, as an ancient stone there commemorates.

John Talbot of Belgard, his son, took a leading and active part in the war of 1641, identified his fortune with that of the Stuarts, and followed King Charles into exile. In the sieges and battles carried on and fought in Flanders, during the latter period of Cromwell's government, he highly distinguished himself, until, by the Act of Settlement, he was restored to a small portion of his estates, for which he deemed it prudent to take out a fresh patent in 1670. In the latter document, Belgard is mentioned as containing 222A. plantation measure. On his restoration, he repaired and beautified the castle of his ancestors here, which had suffered much from the artillery of Cromwell. The injustice of the Stuarts, their oblivion of their friends, their favour of the regicides, did not relax the loyalty of Captain John Talbot, his attachment to that unfortunate family strengthened in their weakness, and he again hazarded his life and fortune in the cause of James the Second. Having been appointed Lord Lieutenant of the county of Wicklow, and Commissary-General for the counties of Meath, Louth, Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford, he raised and equipped a regiment of cavalry at his own expense, fought at their head at the Boyne and at Aughrim, and, having been included in the capitulation of Limerick, effected the preservation of his estates. At his then advanced age, he wisely declined emigrating with the Irish troops, and retired to the solitude of Belgard, where he passed the remainder of his days in the ease and comfort of a competent fortune, with the consciousness of having served his king and country to the utmost of his abilities. Having no male heir, he sought for his daughter Catherine, a suitable alliance in the noble family of the Dillons, which took place in 1696, by her



marriage with Thomas Dillon of Brackloon, the grandson of Theobald the first Lord Viscount Dillon of Costello-Gallen. Upon that occasion, the estates of Belgard and Brackloon, containing upwards of 10,000*l.*, were limited in tail male to the issue of the marriage.

This union promised to revive the splendor of both houses, but the penal enactments of Queen Anne's reign soon clouded these expectations, and fettered the sinews of every adherent of the ancient faith. Thomas Dillon of Belgard pined in obscurity, when his education, rank, and connexions, if not pressed down by the weight of religious persecution, would have elevated him to the first station in society; he died at Belgard, at an advanced period of life. No memorial remains of him, but the tradition of unbounded charities, the expenditure of a princely fortune, and great hospitality. His son Henry inherited his estates; and his friends conceived that he was, by the original patent, entitled to the dignity of Viscount Dillon of Costello-Gallen, on the suggestion, that the blood of the elder branch of the family became corrupted by the attainder of General Arthur Dillon, the ancestor of the Loughglyn family, and that, consequently, the title should have devolved on the Belgard branch, upon the death of Richard Lord Dillon in 1734. A case, was thereupon, laid before one of the most eminent English barristers, who advised that his claim to the peerage was indisputable; it was not however pressed, and the grounds or propriety of its assertion are no further matter for the present work. He married one of the co-heiresses of Michael Moore, of the noble house of Drogheda, the other four having respectively intermarried with Gerald Aylmer of Lyons, John Coppinger of Ballyvolan, Sir J. Bellew of Barmeath, baronet, and James the ninth Lord Cahir. John Coppinger's only daughter and co-heiress, married Charles Duke of Norfolk.

Henry Dillon had issue, Thomas, John, Catherine, and Alicia Dillon; Thomas, the eldest, married Mary Dowell, daughter of Luke Dowell of Mantua in the county of Roscommon, and, on her death, had for his second wife Margaret O'Moore of Cloghan Castle, who, on his decease, married Field Marshal Count O'Brady, Grand Chamberlain to Francis the Second, Emperor of Austria.

John, the second son of Henry, was a distinguished officer in the service of Austria, and, on the death of his brother Thomas, he returned to his native country, and died at Belgard in 1796.

Catherine, the eldest daughter of Henry Dillon, became entitled to these estates on the failure of her brother's issue, and, intermarrying with Dominick Trant, a descendant of the ancient family of Eastingwold in Yorkshire, carried this inheritance with her. She had a son by him, Dominick Trant the younger, who became the husband of Margaret Bellew, niece to John Lord Bellew of Duleek, and had issue the present proprietor of Belgard, Ballynascorney, &c. Henry Dillon Trant, and a daughter Frances, who was married to General Henry Count Dillon, the brother of Charles, the twelfth Viscount Dillon, and had issue by him a son, Charles, and a daughter, Maria, now the wife of his Highness the Prince and Duke de Croy.

The old castle of Belgard withstood the fury of the elements, and the storms of war for 600 years, but, towards the close of the eighteenth century, its towers and battlements, consecrated by such solemn and historic associations, were undermined, and the moat that surrounded it was filled up with its ruins. The whole crumbled under the destroying hand of modern architecture, and the present edifice has been fashioned out of its materials.

Between Belgard and Saggard, but nearer to the former, are some ruins of a fortress, called Cheevers-town Castle. Pursuing, however, the road by Newlands, the former residence of the ill-fated Lord Kilwarden, who was murdered in 1803, on the occasion of Emmet's insurrection, the neat little village of

#### CLONDALKIN

presents itself at right, a smiling assemblage of cleanly cottages, interspersed with the venerable remains of other days, and the simply neat edifices which

charity has opened within it, all overshadowed by verdant groves, and watered by a pure murmuring rivulet.

Entering it in this direction, the tower and some other remains of a fortified house first attract attention at left, the Roman Catholic chapel succeeds at right, a plain structure in the T form. The village is situated in an open, flat country, on the banks of a clear rivulet, at a short distance from the Grand Canal. It has free schools for male and female children, supported by contributions, and sermons in the church, and has also two other schools for boys and girls respectively, which latter have placed themselves in connexion with the National Board, and receive £26 annually therefrom. There are, likewise, in this charitable locality, an alms-house for four poor widows, a dispensary, a lying-in house with two beds, and a repository, where the neighbouring poor obtain articles of dress on easy terms and times of payment.

The present church is a plain edifice, for the restoration of which, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have recently granted £222 18s. 6d. In it is a white marble monument to the memory of Sir Simon Bradstreet. In the surrounding grave-yard are some ruins of the ancient church, which testify its extent as about thirty-eight yards in length by eighteen in breadth; within its area is a handsome monument to Mrs. Rourke of Neilstown House, who died in 1835; another to Mr. Laurence Rourke of Nanger, who died 1825; a third to Lieutenant-General Wright and his family; and two mural slabs commemorate, one the

Rev. Charles Coleman, who died in 1778, the other the Rev. Barnaby Mullen, a former Roman Catholic rector of this parish, who died in 1812. There are, likewise, in the churchyard, monuments to the Finlays of Corkagh; and one to Mr. Caldbeck, who died in 1803; also, a very handsome cenotaph to Doctor Mills, who died at Nice in 1830; a flat stone to the Rev. John Grant, Rector of this parish, who died in 1815; and a vault for the Reade family. There are, likewise, to be seen within the cemetery, an old baptismal font, and the remains of a rude stone cross,—a single stone of white granite, unpolished and about nine feet high. The old church was dedicated to St. Mochna, *alias* St. Machotus, and it had also three altars, dedicated respectively to the Blessed Virgin, St. Brigid, and St. Thomas.

West of the churchyard, and now separated from it by the high road, is a round tower of conspicuous beauty, about eighty-four feet in height, and quite perfect; the door is about fifteen feet from the ground, and twelve feet of the basement below the door is solid masonry. It is about forty-five feet in circumference at the base, and the walls measure three feet in thickness. The visiter can gratify his curiosity in exploring this tower, by ascending on a series of ladders to its summit, stages being constructed for this purpose, and the top, which has four small oblong apertures or windows, being fitted up as a little observatory, terminated by a conical covering. At different intervals of the ascent are two smaller apertures. This structure is remarkable for conti-

ning of the same internal diameter to about two-thirds of its height, whence it narrows suddenly. The door is square-headed, being finished by a lintel of one long stone. See of the era and use of those structures, *post* at "Rathmichael."

Two oil mills, which formerly flourished here, are no longer kept up; nor has the celebrated powder mill, hereafter mentioned, been renewed.

At a short distance from the town is a lay monastery of ten monks, who exercise their trades, and extend the benefit of education to sixty boarders and twenty day scholars on pensions, and to about 150 poor boys gratuitously.

The parish comprises 4933A. 3R. 35P. in thirty townlands; and compounded for its tithes at £514 15s. per annum, of which £47 17s. 11d. is payable to the Prebendary of Kilmactalway, to whose dignity this vicarage is annexed, and the residue to the Dean of St. Patrick's, in whom the rectory is impropriate. The incumbent has also a glebe-house, with a glebe of upwards of seventeen acres. The Catholic union includes with this parish Kilmactalway, Lucan, Esker, and Palmerstown. The population of this was returned in 1831 as 2993 persons, of whom about 2630 were Roman Catholics.

The chief proprietors of the fee are the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Archbishop of Dublin, who is seised of the manor, Mr. Caldbeck, Mr. Arabin, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Finlay, Mr. Burton, of Burton Hall, &c. Sixty acres are appropriated to the economy of St. Patrick's, chargeable with 40s. chief rent

to the Archbishop of Dublin. Rent rates at from £2 10s. to £4 per acre; a cabin and an acre at £4 per annum. The commons, which comprised 180a., have been enclosed.

Of the ancient house established here St. Cronan Mochua is recorded to have been the first abbot, his feast is held on the sixth of August. In 776 died St. Aelvran O'Lugdaddon, styled Abbot of Clondalkin. In 784 died St. Ferfugillus, the first Bishop of Clondalkin. His feast day is on the tenth of March. Before his time the establishment was purely monastic without episcopal authority. During the interval, in which Dublin and the rich district of Fingal were flooded by Danish hordes, Clondalkin and its wealthy abbey were signally wasted in the ebb and flow of their power. With an attachment of zeal, however, well worthy of Irish ecclesiastics, the persecuted abbots and their fraternities are found here, as in the various other religious houses subjected to similar visitations, unceasingly rearing, even from the ashes of their former churches, edifices of renewed sanctity and splendour. In 859 died the Abbot and Bishop Cathald.

In 865 the fortress of the Danes here, called Dun-Awley, i. e. the fort of Aulaff, was burned, and the heads of a hundred of their choicest men "strewed on the plain" by the Irish.\* To revenge this injury Aulaff is recorded to have surprised by an ambuscade 2000 Irish, most of whom were slain or taken prisoners. In 879 died Cathal Mac Cormick, Abbot and Bishop of Clondalkin,† as did his successor St. Ronan in 885. In 1071 Clondalkin was accidentally burned.‡

To those jejune notices of its abbots' deaths, and its church's conflagrations, succeed more explicit and more interesting accounts. In 1076 the clergy of the south of Ireland brought an armed force thither, to remove an individual who had violently possessed himself of the abbey. Their object was effected, and the church thereupon restored to the uses of religion.§

In 1152 this rural bishopric was united to the see of Dublin.

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\* Annals of the Four Masers.

† Ib.

‡ Ib.

§ Ib.

In 1171 Roderic O'Connor, joined by the forces of O'Rourke and O'Carroll, marched to this place with the intention of giving battle to the English then in Dublin. The latter, however, advanced; Milo de Cogan with the vanguard of 700 British forces, and an Irish battalion commanded by the son of Dermot Mac Murrough; the main body formed of 800 British, commanded by Raymond le Gros, and the chief part of the Irish troops led by the King of Leinster, while Earl Strongbow followed in the rear with a force of 300 English and 1000 Irish. The regular disposition of this disciplined and well-appointed army dismayed the tumultuous groups of Roderic's adherents, who, instead of coming to a regular engagement, after skirmishing for three days with the confederates in this vicinity, retired into their own province.

In 1179 Pope Alexander confirmed Clondalkin, with all its appurtenances, to the see of Dublin, while the old Danish occupants of a large portion of the land, Macgilleholnoc and Dervorgilla his wife, surrendered to the use of its church, expressly called the church of Saint Machotus, all their ancient inheritance. A transcript of the conveyance is preserved in the "Crede mihi," one of the muniments of Christ Church. To this, as a parent church, were subservient the chapels of Rathcoole and Esker.

About the year 1184 Prince John confirmed the church of Clondalkin with its tithes to the see of Dublin, as did Pope Clement the Third in 1187, and his successor, Pope Innocent the Third, in 1218. It was subsequently made prebendal by Archbishop Comyn, and is named the fifth in the bull confirming his charter.

When Archbishop Henry de Loundres established the dignity of a Dean of St. Patrick's, he assigned for his support the church of Clondalkin, at that time the prebend of William Fitzguy the first dean, together with its appurtenances. The dean had also a portion of bog near the grange of the Dean's rath granted to him, for which he was to pay yearly, at the festival of Easter, one pound of frankincense to the Archbishop's chapel at Clondalkin. For notices in 1220, see at "Tallagh," and in 1227, see "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

About the year 1326 an extent was taken of the manor of

Clondalkin, when its boundaries were defined, and part returned as "waste, being amongst the Irishry."

In 1337 King Edward confirmed Clondalkin, with its church and tithes, to the see of Dublin, as did King Richard in 1395.

In the Common Plea Rolls of 28 Edw. III., yet preserved in Bermingham Tower, is a record of an action of trespass brought by Simon Neal against William Newlagh for breaking his close at Clondalkin, wherein the defendant pleaded that the plaintiff was an Irishman, and not one of the five privileged families, and therefore demanded judgment if he should be answered. The plaintiff replied that he was one of the five families, viz., of the O'Neills of Ulster, who, by grant of the king's progenitors, were entitled to English law and to be accounted freemen. The defendant rejoined that plaintiff was not of the O'Neills of Ulster, nor of the five families, and issue was joined thereon; which being found for the plaintiff, he had judgment to recover his damages against the defendant. The five principal septs here alluded to were the O'Neills of Ulster, the O'Melaghlines of Meath, the O'Conors of Connaught, the O'Briens of Thomond, and the Mac Murroughs of Leinster. Yet O'Neill himself, long after, viz. in 1481, on his marriage with a daughter of the house of Kildare, to satisfy the friends of the lady, was made denizen by a special act of parliament.

In 1464 Edward Shillingford of Clondalkin, granted to John Locke of Colemanstown, five acres in the lordship of Clondalkin, and about the year 1470 a farm here was appropriated by Archbishop Michael Tregury to the support of a mass called "Jesus' Mass," on every Friday in St. Patrick's cathedral. The vicars choral of St. Patrick's, to whom this farm was so assigned, were, for a short time, wrongfully kept out of possession thereof; but, on petition to parliament in 1471, their right was established; accordingly there is, in the Vice-Treasurer's Office, record of a lease in 1538 from the dean and chapter of St. Patrick's to Nicholas Browne of Clondalkin, husbandman, whereby this farm was demised, as "appertaining to Jesus' Mass," for thirty-one years. It is subsequently noticed in 1547 and in 1660, but appears to have been lost to the intention of the donor previous to the latter period. Mason, in his invaluable History of St. Patrick's Cathedral,



shews that this was the Bay-farm in Clondalkin.\* For a notice in 1517, see at "Belgard."

Archbishop Allen says that at his time (1530) in lieu of the tithes of hay from the archbishop's demesne lands in Clondalkin and Rathcoole, the vicar had a certain portion of land set apart for him in full satisfaction thereof. The Vicar of Clondalkin, he adds, hath the tithes of crofts and the small tithes of the whole parish, but no portion of the great tithes except those of the manor of Drymnagh.† In 1540 the parishes of New Grange and Kilmacudrick were united to Clondalkin by Archbishop Browne; the tithes, however, have been appropriated to the vicar. In the following year George Archbishop of Dublin had license, with the assent of both cathedrals, to grant to Edward Bassenet, Dean of St. Patrick's, 7A. here, near adjacent to the lands of said dean, in Dean's rath, at the rent of two capons on the feast of the Nativity.‡

In 1547 the tithes of this parish were valued at £62 7s. For a notice of the rectory in this year, see at "Rathcoole," while an inquisition of the same period details the possessions of the Dean of St. Patrick's in Clondalkin, in messuages, lands, gardens, and tithes, defines the extent of the parish, and states that 40A. belonged to the economy of St. Patrick's, and ten to the vicars choral. There were likewise appropriated to the abbey of the Blessed Virgin 16A. in the townland of Clondalkin, held from the Archbishop of Dublin as of his manor of Clondalkin; and near which the fraternity of St. Francis of Dublin had an endowment of six acres. A document of about the same date enumerates Clondalkin amongst the "walled and good towns" of this county. For a notice in 1602, see at "Dalkey."

In 1607 James Stanyhurst of Corduff, sold all his estate in the towns, villages, and fields of Newhall and Clondalkin to Daniel Molyneux, Esq. In 1609 the king granted to Gerald Earl of Kildare several premises and lands here, "parcel of the estate of the crown, by virtue of the statute of mortmain," together with the tithe corn of the rectory of Grace Dieu, collected by four cou-

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\* Hist. St. Patrick's, pp. 71 and 90.

† Regist. Dioc.

‡ Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

ples of acres, with the altarages, &c. In 1611 Lord Howth suffered a recovery of certain premises in Clondalkin, Obreston, Jordanston, Nevett, Timon, Much-roan, Middle-roan, Little-roan, &c.

The regal visitation of 1615 states the rectory as appertaining to the cathedral of St. Patrick's, that Richard Bathe had been vicar, a very negligent and non-resident minister, and therefore deprived by the archbishop, and his benefice sequestered, that the vicarage was worth £15 per annum, the church in good condition, but the chancel ruinous, which, however, the dean was bound by recognizance to repair within a given time.

In 1626 Thomas Allen was seised (*inter alia*) of the annual rent of a rose, issuing out of 9A. in Clondalkin, also of 15A. in Saggard, 12A. in Rathcoole, and 300A. of mountain in Brittas.\* In 1663 the Eustace family were seised of lands in Clondalkin, Athgoe, Rathcoole, Damastown, Correstown, and Dalkey, and such their rights were specially saved in a grant to the Duke of York affecting these localities. For a further notice in this year, see at "Esker," and for another in 1666, see at "Rathcoole." In the confiscations of 1688, Peter Nottingham lost certain premises here, stated as situated in the barony of Newcastle, while John Brown forfeited 23A. here, also stated as in the same barony.†

In 1697 the Rev. Oliver Doyle was reported as parish priest of Clondalkin, Lucan, and Esker.

In 1703 the rectory of Donacomper was, in pursuance of the Act 11 Will. III., assigned to augment the vicarage of Clondalkin, while, in the same year, Benjamin Meade passed patent for 28A. here, "the estate of the late King James," and 65A., "the estate of Peter Nottingham, attainted," the last portion being subject to a chiefry to the Archbishop of Dublin.—For notices of the vicarage in 1716 and 1727, see at "Tallagh."

A return of 1777 states, that there is in the parish of Clondalkin, "a spot of ground, under an acre, belonging to the church, on which the tenant built a small house, and in place of rent, is bound to paint the pews, whiten the walls, and repair the windows."

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

In 1783 the gunpowder mills were erected by Mr. William Caldbeck. This great national undertaking however failed, the mills having been blown up by accident in 1787. The quantity of powder there at the time was not less than 260 barrels, and the shock was felt in the city, and through a large tract of surrounding country. On the spot the effects were terrific, the whole building was torn up from its foundations and hurled into the elements. Ponderous ruins, tons in weight, were cast to the distance of five or six fields, and the fish in an adjacent pond were found dead, floating on the surface of the water. It is remarkable, that amidst all this awful conflict, not a stone was displaced in the Round Tower. A monument has been erected on the site of the mill, commemorative of the event.

In 1806 the glebe-house was built by a grant from the Board of First Fruits. In 1818 the commons were enclosed by authority of parliament, and in 1829 a bequest was left for the support of a poor school here. See at "Harold's Cross."

Passing hence towards Saggard, at right lies Corkagh, where Mr. Arabin established nine powder mills, they are all, however, outmarketed by the English works. At a short distance to the left are the ruins of Cheeverstown Castle, and within about half a mile of Saggard are extensive concerns, once appropriated to the uses of a charter school, now the horse depot and extensive farm yard of Mr. Purcell the coach proprietor, whence a prettily shaded road diverges from the great one to Naas, and, passing the residence of a Mr. Smith, enters the poor village of

#### SAGGARD,

situated at the foot of one of the Dublin mountains, to which it gives its name.

The Roman Catholic chapel at left first invites attention, it is of the T form, the aisle being most disproportionately elongated. In it is a handsome white marble effigy of the Reverend Andrew Hart, a former Catholic pastor of the parish, who died in 1815. The figure projects in alto relievo from a mural slab, inscribed with a commemoration of his virtues and the well-earned gratitude of his flock. At the opposite side of the road are the ruins, or rather the foundations sodded with verdure, of a once extensive church, within which the *scolopendrium ceterach*, scaly hart's tongue, grows abundantly. In the grave-yard, in an enclosed burial place, is a monument to Mr. Edward Byrne of Mullinahack, but no other tombs of note. In the village are poor schools for boys and girls attended by about sixty-four children, for the support of which the National Board allows £14 per annum. There are also here some remains of a castellated house. The commons comprised twenty acres, but are now enclosed.

The tolls demandable at the annual fairs are as follow :

	s.	d.
Oxen or cows, three years old . . .	0	3 each.
Ditto. two years old . . .	0	2 do.
Calves, . . . . .	0	1 do.
Lambs, . . . . .	0	0½ do.
Pigs, . . . . .	0	1 do.
Horses, . . . . .	0	6½ do.
Tents, . . . . .	1	0 do.
Standings, . . . . .	0	4 do.
Friezes per score yards, . . . .	0	6 do.
Timber per load, . . . . .	0	6 do.

This parish constitutes a prebend in St. Patrick's church, of the annual value of £163, the rectory being part of its corps; the curacy is in the gift of the archbishop. It extends over 4453A. OR. 12P., comprised in ten townlands. The latest of the population returns enumerates its inhabitants as 1671, of whom not thirty are Protestants according to the Ecclesiastical Report of 1835. The great tithes belong to the Dean of St. Patrick's, and there are 24A. of glebe within the parish. The aforesaid dean is the chief proprietor of the fee. Rent rates from £1 10s. to £1 17s. per acre. The Catholic union embraces with this the parish of Newcastle.

The church here was dedicated to St. Mosacre, by whom it was founded before the middle of the seventh century, having subservient to it Newtown, situated within the manor of Rathcoole, of which the archbishop was the temporal lord, and Simon-Tallagh extending over Coolmine next hereafter mentioned.

Immediately subsequent to the English invasion Saggard became, as before-mentioned, one of the four royal manors in this county, and was more commonly called Teagh-Saggard, i. e. the house of the priest. It was also an ancient borough, and its provosts are frequently noticed in the Pipe Rolls of the early kings of England. For notices in 1207, see at "Esler," and in 1227, see the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

In 1275 Saggard, which was the second diaconal prebend in St. Patrick's Cathedral, was considered of the value of £20 per annum to the incumbent;\* an estimate which was, in 1306, reduced to but £10 annually. In the latter year William Davis had a grant of 40A. here, to hold for ever at the annual rent of £2 6s. 8d.†

In 1312 the septs of the O'Byrnes and O'Tooles invaded Saggard and Rathcoole, and were powerful enough to strike a terror

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\* Crede mihi.

† Rot. in Cur. Scacc. Lond.

into the citizens of Dublin, as well by their numbers as their stratagems of war, laying ambushes up and down the woods of Glendalory, on the south side of the city. The citizens had not at this time power sufficient to encounter them, and the forces of the state were otherwise directed in opposing an insurrection, raised by Robert de Verdon, in Louth. On his submission, however, the hostilities of the mountain chiefs were suppressed.

In 1330 the king granted license to John D'Arcy le Cosyn to lease the crown lands contiguous to the marches for terms of lives or years, excepting, however, from the license, the lands of the Salmon Leap and Saggard.\* For notices of the manor in this year, as also in 1333 and 1336, see at "Crumlin."

In 1343 the king, on account of the eminent services of Thomas de Blakeburn on the marches of Leinster, near Saggard, during seventeen years, granted to said Thomas six carucates of land named in the patent, and lying in the said marches. For a notice in 1353, see at "Kilmactalway."

In 1359 William and Walter Harold received a reward of 100 shillings for "manfully rescuing" some spoils, which the O'Tooles and O'Byrnes were carrying off from Saggard, and for slaying five of these enemies.†

In 1387 a ring of pure gold was turned up in a field near Hogtherne, between this village and that of Rathcoole, then valued at £40, which the finders secreted, but, as the record states, the circumstance having been discovered, they narrowly escaped punishment. For a notice of the manor in 1389, see at "Esker;" about which time the Lawless family were seised of this locality.

In 1399 Thomas Snell, Archdeacon of Glendaloch, accounted for forty shillings yearly, being the amount of two-thirds of the issues of this prebend, then in the king's hands, by reason of the absence of the Prebendary, John Gedeney, without royal license. In 1403 Thomas Chernocks, Prebendary of Tassagard, had license of absence for two years, that he might be enabled to prosecute a suit at the Court of Rome. For notices of the manor in 1406, see "Athgoe;" and in 1408 and 1412, see at "Esker."

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

In 1416 the king granted to Hugh Burgh, Thomas Pensax, and Thomas Everyngham, the manors of Esker, Newcastle of Lyons, and Saggard, together with the knights' fees and the advowsons of churches, to hold to them and the survivor rent free.\* For a notice in 1421, see at "Esker."

In 1422 Richard Stanyhurst, prebendary, had a similar license to that granted to his predecessor for pursuing his studies in England or elsewhere.†

In 1427 Sir Richard Fitz Eustace had a grant of the custody of the manors of Newcastle of Lyons, Saggard, and Esker, for eight years, at the annual rent of £40. For notices of the manor in 1428, see at "Newcastle;" and in 1430 and 1450, see at "Esker." In 1453, the king, being indebted to the Archbishop of Dublin, granted him a custodiam of this manor, and of the townland of Ballycheese therein, to enure while he was Archbishop.‡ In 1476 Roland Fitz Eustace, Lord of Portlester, had the custody of this manor and that of Newcastle of Lyons, with a salary of £40 per annum. For a notice in 1488, see the "General History of the County of Dublin."

In 1539 this prebend was taxed at £10 1s. 8d. Irish.

In 1540, on the rumour of the Lord Deputy-Gray's recal, the O'Tooles entered upon this and the other adjacent royal manors, slaying and despoiling throughout all their course.

An inquisition of 1547 finds the extent and value of the prebend of Tassagard, in lands and tithes, exclusive of the altarages, which were assigned to the curate, and the repair of the chancel, which was borne by the farmer of the tithes. The glebe lands have been since ascertained to be 16A. 1R. 4P.§ Another inquisition of the same date shews that the vicars choral of St. Patrick's had one roble and 22A. in this townland, lying in different parcels.

In 1555 George Downham, in the charter of restitution of St. Patrick's Cathedral, was named Prebendary of Tassagard, he being at that time Archbishop of Armagh.

In 1603 Sir Edward Fisher was appointed seneschal of the royal manors of Newcastle, Esker, Tassagard, and Crumlin, which he

\* Rot. in Dom. Cap. Westm.

† Rymer's Foedera.

‡ Rot. in Canc. Hib.

§ Mason's St. Patrick's, p. 60.

surrendered in 1606, when Sir Francis Stafford was appointed thereto.

In 1605 the king granted to Sir Henry Folliott 60A. with common of pasture, as also certain messuages and gardens in Tassagard, being the lands of Edward Byrne, attainted;\* and in 1613 Sir Arthur Savage had a grant from the crown of 8A., called the Common Land, in Saggard, with sundry other premises therein, as well as in Esker and Ballyowen.†

The regal visitation of 1615 states, that Roger Danby, prebendary, served the cure, that the value of the prebend was £30, and that the church and chancel were in good repair. For a notice in 1626, see at "Clondalkin;" and in 1641, at "Ballymore Eustace."

In 1667 Sir Theophilus Jones, knight, had a grant of 14A. plantation measure here; as had Thomas Den in 1682, of 194A. statute measure, a weekly market, and three yearly fairs here, with a court of pie poudre, tolls, &c.

In the confiscations of 1688, Richard Earl of Tyrconnel forfeited 110A. here, 295A. in Calestown, 164A. in Racredan, 150A. in Tipperkevin, &c.‡ For a notice in 1697, see at "Newcastle."

In 1699 John Travers, Prebendary of Tassagard, was also Chancellor of Christ Church.

In 1700 Francis Sarsfield claimed, and was allowed at Chichester House, an estate in fee simple, in a farm here, forfeited by Patrick Sarsfield; and in 1703 John Pacey, of Dublin, had a grant of the 110A. here, which had been the estate of the Earl of Tyrconnel, attainted.

In 1805 John Corballis devised £100 for the use of the poor school here; and in 1816 an Act of Parliament (56 Geo. III. c. 25, Priv.) was passed, authorizing certain commissioners to divide, allot, and enclose the commons.

The succession of prebendaries of Saggard has been thus

far as  
1293 J. Dekene.

1393 Monaldus de S. Martin.

— John Gedeney.

1403 Thomas Chernocks.

\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

‡ Inquis. in Canc. Hib.



1422 Richard Stanyhurst.	1675 Michael Hewetson
1496 Peter Devenish.	1693 Michael Reader.
1530 William Brewyst.	1699 John Travers.
1546 Thomas Crief.	1707 Thomas Theacker.
1555 George Dowdall.	1713 Edward Drury.
1569 Richard Bet.	1735 Nicholas Synge.
1595 Richard Purdon.	1737 Roger Forde.
1615 Roger Danby.	1756 George Phillips.
1636 William Cleburn.	1770 William Blachford.
1645 Francis Cockman.	1771 Holt Truell.
1646 Gilbert Deane.	—— John Lyon.
1660 William Pilsworth.	1787 Robert Truell.
1666 Charles Cormack.	1790 Edward Ryan.
1672 Samuel Hind.	1795 Peter Lefanu.
1674 Edward Wettenhall.	1799 Crinus Irwin.

For the succession of the Seneschals, see at "Newcastle."

Immediately near the village Mr. John M'Donnel has two paper factories, employing nearly 200 persons. This enterprising gentleman has recently expended considerable sums of money in the erection of mills and machinery on the most improved principles; and the produce of his well directed labours seems likely soon to rival that of the first houses of the trade in the sister kingdom. Near it are the small remains of a castle, on the ancient little manor of

#### COOLMINE,

which comprises only one ploughland, about 100A. arable, exclusive of waste; all situated within the parish of Saggard, but its tithes were appropriated to a

distinct chapel, called Simon-Tallagh, subservient, however, to the mother church.

Immediately after the English invasion the Haket family were seised of this manor, which, in 1303, Peter Haket demised to Peter Bermingham, subject to a certain rent ; and in 1328 John, the son of said Peter Haket, leased it to Geoffrey Crumpe at a rent of seven marks and a half, being a reduction from the rent to which Bermingham was subject, and which abatement was made, on condition that Crumpe should pay the latter sum within one month after it became due, " whether there were peace or war in Ireland."

In 1330 Archbishop Alexander de Bicknor obtained an assignment of Crumpe's interest here ;\* and in 1335 purchased the reversion and rent charge from Helena le Petit, widow of Peter Haket, and from John, his son ; soon after which, (in 1349,) the same prelate granted this manor for the maintenance of certain chantries in St. Patrick's Cathedral ; and the king, subsequently dispensing with the statute of Mortmain, in favour of this gift, the canons settled the same according to the trust.

In 1393 the chapelry of Coolmine was leased as part of the possessions of the economy of St. Patrick's, for five marks of silver per annum.† An inquisition of 1647 states those possessions here as one castle, four messuages, and 100a.

In 1584 Dean Jones and his chapter made a shameful lease of the manor, then stated as containing 253a. of land. The year before it had been demised at forty shillings per annum, for eighty years ; and in this year a reversion was granted for eighty-one years more, at the same rent, not one-twentieth part of its value at the time.‡ The latter lease still remains in St. Patrick's rectory ; and Dean Swift has actually written ~~showing~~ his indignation at this shameful alienation of the property of the church, by those men who ~~have~~ <sup>ought</sup> have been its guardians and protectors. A survey of 1747 states the extent of the lands of the economy here as 265a. whereof the northern and eastern portion, deemed

\* Dign. Dec. pp. 123 and 163.

† Repert. Viride.

‡ Mason's St. Patrick's, p. 174.

arable, contained 192A. 1R., while the southern, or mountainous, covered 72A. 3R. All these lands were, in 1813, demised to John Kennedy for twenty-one years, at the annual rent of £100, on the payment of a fine of £2000.

## RATHCOOLE,

one of the ancient manors of the see of Dublin, next succeeds in the course of this excursion. The village consists of a long street, with some good dwellings linked by cabins, and having a plain, unornamented church, and a glebe-house, with a glebe of about fifteen acres. In the grave-yard is a stunted stone cross, and tombs to the Crosby family since 1722; to Mr. Atkins, who died in 1827; and an enclosed monument to a Mr. Tuthill.

The parish comprises 4705A. 1R. 30P., in fourteen townlands, and has compounded for its tithes at £310 per annum. The rectory is part of the corps of the deanery of St. Patrick's, to which appertain the great tithes, with the exception of those of the townlands of Rathcredan and Windmill, which, together with the glebe and the small tithes of the whole parish, are annexed to the vicarage. This latter dignity is in the gift of the Archbishop of Dublin, and united with the rectory and vicarage of Calliaghtown. In the Catholic arrangement, Rathcoole is in the union of Newcastle. The population of this parish was returned in 1831 as 1489 persons, of whom it is stated, that not forty were Protestants. The number of labourers between Rathcoole and Calliaghtown, is supposed to be about sixty-five, of whom thirty-five

get constant, and thirty occasional employment. While the average acreable rent here, on the best attainable information, may be set down at about £3. The cabins are generally built of mountain greystone, and some entirely of yellow clay, and the average rent for such without land, is about ten-pence per week. The principal proprietors are the Archbishop of Dublin, who is lord of the manor, Mr. Latouche, Lord Mil-town, &c.

The name of this locality, signifying the fort of the wood, alone suggests those circumstances of its ancient strength and ornament ; the fort and the wood may be now sought for in vain.

About the year 1184 Prince John granted Rathcoole with its church and tithes to the see of Dublin, a gift which was confirmed by Pope Clement the Third in 1187, and by Pope Innocent in 1216, while Archbishop Comyn gave to the collegiate church of St. Patrick's, the tithes of his demesne lands, and the tenth acre of all his meadows here. His successor, Archbishop Luke, elevated Rathcoole to a borough, and by his charter assigned four acres of land for each burgage. The same prelate subsequently granted to these burgesses, commonage in the mountain of Slestoll, both of turbary and pasture, as largely as Mac Gilleholmoc, (of whom see at "Clondalkin" in 1179,) and others had "perambulated the same" before the time of Archbishop Comyn, extending from the east of Saggard to Greystone, and from Greystone to the lands of the monks of Hogges near Dublin at the west, with a promise, that if the prelate should thereafter desire to take the lands of Rathcoole into his own hands, he might participate in the commonage, and by a yet later charter, he granted to them all the customs and privileges which the burgesses of Bristol enjoyed.

For a notice in 1312, see at "Saggard."—About the year 1326 an extent was taken of the manor, on which occasion its limits were defined, and part stated to be waste, as lying amongst the Irish. Within it was situated the religious house of Newtown, a chapelry subservient to the church of Saggard.

In 1337 King Edward confirmed the church of Rathcoole and its tithes to the see of Dublin. In 1450 Archbishop Mey, with the consent of his dean and chapter, united his mensal tithes here for ever to the chantry of St. Anne's chapel, within St. Peter's church, Drogheda. For a notice in 1488, see the "General History of the County of Dublin."

In 1509 William Locke of Colemanstown was seised of a small part of Rathcoole.\* At which time also, a branch of the Talbot family was settled there.—For a notice of its tithes in 1530, see at "Clondalkin," and of its rectory in 1547, at "Esker."

In 1547 the extent of the possessions of the Dean of St. Patrick's here, in tithes of corn and hay was specially found, while the same inquisition states, that the altarages of the parish church were assigned to the curate for his portion, and that the repair of the chancel was borne by the dean. The dean had also thirteen acres here, which were given to the vicar on his endowment. The vicar had, likewise, the great tithes of Rathcredan and Windmill, and the small tithes of the whole parish. By the same inquisition it appears, that the vicars choral of St. Patrick's had some small pieces of land here, with certain tithes, and the tithes of the mill. Immediately afterwards, Dean Bassenet, having surrendered his deanery to the king, and by imprisonment compelled the confirmation thereof by the precentor, treasurer, two archdeacons, and fifteen of the prebendaries, received various preferments and grants as the reward of his treachery, and amongst these had a lease of the rectories of Rathcoole, Esker, Clondalkin, Tallagh, and various lands therein, for the term of his life, at the annual rent of £200. He had, likewise, an annuity of 200 marks assigned to him.

In 1599 Thomas Fagan died seised of six messuages and 120 acres here, which he held of the Archbishop of Dublin by fealty, as of his manor of Rathcoole. For a notice in 1609, see at "Lucan." In 1620 George Taylor died seised of a messuage and 15a. here, while James Bec was about the same time seised in tail male of 30a., and Thomas Allen of 12a. here, with 300a. of mountain in

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\* Alan's Regist. MS.

Brittas, the latter held his portion under Sir William Parsons, baronet. William Sarsfield of Lucan was then also seized of 50*l.* in this parish, which he forfeited in the confiscations of 1641.

The regal visitation of 1615 states the rectory of Rathcoole as appertaining to the deanery of St. Patrick's, that the vicarage was worth £15 per annum, Emanuel Bullock, vicar; that the church was in good repair, and the chancel in ruins, but that the dean was bound by his recognizance to repair it. For a notice in 1620, see at "Newcastle," in 1626 see at "Clondalkin," and of the Fagan possessions here in 1629, see at "Kilmainham."

A horrible circumstance, referring to this locality in 1641, is detailed in one of the letters of Colonel Mervyn Touchet to his brother, the Earl of Castlehaven:—"When the rebellion broke out in the North," he says, "you were in Munster, and on the news, you immediately repaired to Dublin to the Lords Justices, Sir William Parsons and Sir John Borlase, where you acquainted them with your willingness to serve the king against the rebels, as your ancestors had formerly done in Ireland on the like occasions; to which they replied, your religion was an obstacle." The writer then reminds his relative of the protection he had afforded to the English at his house in the county of Kildare, until, it becoming unsafe to keep them longer, the colonel was directed to convey them to Dublin. "In the passage, however, near Rathcoole, the rebels fell upon them, barbarously killed some, and wounded others, myself and one more escaping by the goodness of our horses. But, a servant of mine governing the carts, and being an Englishman, they took, and, whilst they were preparing to hang him, Sir John Dongan's eldest son, Walter Dongan, came forth from his father's house with a party, and rescued him with the rest of those that were left alive, and brought them safe to Dublin, where I was got. In a few days afterwards, the Marquis of Ormonde sent out a party towards the place where this murder had been committed, I went with them, and coming near, we met Sir Arthur Loftus, governor of the Naas, with a party of horse and dragoons, having killed such of the Irish as they met. But, the most considerable slaughter was in a great straight of furze, seated on a hill, where the people of several villages taking the alarm had sheltered themselves. Now, Sir Arthur having in-

vested the hill, set the furze on fire on all sides, where the people being in considerable number, were all burned or killed, men, women, and children; I saw the bodies and furze still burning.\* What a scene does this present of the many horrible tragedies that were then enacted, and since too frequently revived over this devoted country.

Cromwell, during his subsequent career of slaughter, confiscation, and religious persecution, sojourned for a day in this village, and fought one of his sanguinary engagements in its vicinity.

For a notice of the Eustace possessions here in 1663, see at "Clondalkin." In 1666 James Duke of York passed patent for 150A. in Rathcoole, Calestown 295A., Rathcredan 164A., Clondalkin 58A., Corkagh 41A., Colemanstown 10A., &c. plantation measure, as did Sir Theophilus Jones in the following year for 33A. like measure here.

For a notice of the Luttrell possessions here in 1673, see at "Esker," while in 1682 Christopher Fagan died seised of sixty acres here.

In 1688 Thomas Thacker of Rathcoole, clerk, was one of those attainted in King James's parliament, as was also Viscount Tracy of Rathcoole.

On the 10th of July, 1690, King William leaving Crumlin, proceeded with his army on his march to Limerick. On the same day, he encamped between Naas and Rathcoole, where, says Story, "little remarkable happened, except the king's great care to keep the soldiers from plundering the country, and every night it was given out in orders, that on pain of death, no man should go beyond the line in the camp, or take violently to the least value from either Protestant or Papist." For a notice in 1697, see at "Newcastle."

In 1703 Richard Baldwin, afterwards Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, had a grant of part of Rathcoole, "the estate of Richard Fagan, attainted;" while Paul Barry passed patent for six acres of King James's estate here.

In 1713 Dean Swift wrote to Archbishop King in reference to this benefice:—"The other day Mr. Thacker, Prebendary of

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\* Castlehaven's Memoirs.

Saggard and Vicar of Rathcoole, died, and it would be a great mark of goodness in your Grace, as well as a personal favour to me, if you would please to dispose of his livings in favour of Mr. Thomas Warburton, who has been many years my assistant in the cure of Laracor, has behaved himself altogether unblameably, and is a gentleman of very good learning and sense. If I knew any one more deserving, I would not recommend him, neither would I do it, however, because I know your Grace has a great many dependants, but that it will be a great use to me to have a vicar in one of my rectories, and upon my deanery, in whom I can confide; I am told the livings amount to £120 per annum, at most." The application was however unsuccessful, and Thacker was succeeded by Edward Drury.

In 1734 a school was endowed here by Mrs. Mercer, who left her estates to five trustees, for the purpose of paying annually thereout, in the first place £100 to the sick poor of the parishes of St. Brigid, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas Without, and St. Luke; and next, so much for the maintenance of as many Protestant children as the residue of the income could afford. The school-house here was accordingly completed in ten years, and is a good substantial building, in excellent repair. The income available for its support, was stated in 1812 as £635 16s. 9d., (subject to the £100 per annum for the sick poor,) with a prospect of increase on the determination of certain leases. Savings had also, at that time, given an increase of £22 per annum to the funds of the charity, while the annual expenditure was then calculated as not more than £500. There are fifty female children educated upon this establishment, being the full number intended by the endowment. The scholars are maintained and clothed, and many of them apprenticed. A parliamentary return of 1835 states the annual income of this institution, as then from £750 to £800. Its situation has been some years since changed to Castleknock.

This locality, it but remains to add, gives title of viscount to the family of Tracy, a dignity at present in abeyance.

Passing out of the village, and by the hill which assumes its name, and is surmounted with the ruins of a once extensive windmill, the traveller enters into



the county of Kildare, whence, over an elevated plain, with the hills of Allen, Grange, Kildare, and Kill in view, he is led through the villages of Kill and Johnstown, by a fine, broad, and handsomely fenced road, having Lord Mayo's demesne at right, and the Wicklow hills in the opposite distance, their hollows most usually filled with dark shades, and their eminences traversed by light clouds and sunshine. Presently, a little burial-place at left invites attention, with its miniature pyramid tombs, commemorative of the Mayo family, in one of which reposes the once celebrated Hussey Burgh.

Continuing this line through Naas and a further portion of the county of Kildare, the traveller again enters that remote and singularly isolated portion of the county of Dublin, which comprises the parishes of Tipperkevin and Ballymore-Eustace, a district once the most unhappily situated of any in Ireland, its unfortunate inhabitants having been too obviously devoted to the ravages of the Irish tribes, or crushed by the tyranny of the English, compelled by the one party into confederacies, in which they had fain not participated, yet, denied by the other the benefits of protection and legislation.

This far removed outskirts of the Pale having been the property of the church, its early classification in the barony of Uppercross and county of Dublin, was the necessary result of the constitution of the Croceæ or cross lands before alluded to, and the distinct jurisdiction of the king's sheriffs, and the archbishop's.

## TIPPERKEVIN,

the first locality worthy of notice within it, constitutes a prebend in St. Patrick's cathedral, of the annual value of £224 11s. 8d., the rectory being part of the corps thereof.

The parish, according to the parliamentary return of 1824, has been assessed as containing 1800A., in ten townlands, with a population returned in 1834 as 766 persons, of whom it is stated that but forty-three were Protestants. It has compounded for its tithes at £127 per annum, and has a glebe of seventy-eight acres.

In the village is a well, dedicated to St. Kevin, from which the locality takes the name, more correctly Tobber-Kevin; near it is the old churchyard, with the ruins of a church, exhibiting a chancel eleven yards long by five broad, and an aisle fifteen yards by five and a half. The old perforated baptismal font has still kept its place in the aisle, while a blooming, fragrant hawthorn, and a leafless, blasted ash, emblems of youth and mortality, are rooted in the ruins. No tombs worthy of notice are discoverable here, although it is said to have been the place of interment of several members of the Eustace family. The new church of the parish is situated on the townland of Elverstown, and is a small, but handsome structure; the belfry evinces more especial taste. Near its site, on the same townland, were slate quarries, long since exhausted.

The church of Tipperkevin was, at the time of Archbishop Comyn, endowed with a carucate of land by Robert Fitzmaurice, at that time lord of the manor, and is stated to be situated within the cross of the archbishop, being part of his lordship of Ballymore. About the year 1200 the same prelate released to William Grennett, in consideration of his good services, fifty-seven shillings chief rent, issuing out of lands here and in Dowdstown.

In 1216 Pope Innocent the Third confirmed Tipperkevin, with its appurtenances, to the see of Dublin. For notices in 1227 and about 1268, see the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

In 1303 Archbishop de Feringes appropriated this church with its appendant chapels to the support of two prebendaries in St. Patrick's cathedral, who, at the time of their admission, were sworn to pay annually to the Economy Fund the sum of eight marks, sterling, and a proper stipend for the vicars. In 1306 both these prebends were valued at £10 per annum.

In 1415 John Pedewell, Prebendary of one portion, had leave of absence from Ireland for two years without incurring the penalties of an absentee, he having occasion to go to the court of Rome on matters connected with his station and the spiritual welfare of his prebend.\*

In 1468, on the occasion of a visitation held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, the dean reported that he had visited the canons, petit canons, and vicars choral, and that all the prebends were likewise visited except Tipperkevin, Tipper, Ballymore, Dunlavin, Yagoe, Donaghmore in Omayle, Stagonil, and Monmohenock, "which lay in the Irish territory or on the marches of the Pale, so that he dared not to visit them on account of the war in these parts, and except also Howth and Mullaghiddart. Then after some questions asked as to the hospitality of the dean and canons the visitation was adjourned."†

In 1584 Viscount Baltinglass was seised in fee of the lands of White's Lane, near Tipperkevin, containing a castle and thirty-one acres of ground, which he forfeited by taking arms against the king.

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

† MS. in T. C. D.

In 1589 the prebends of Tipperkevin were taxed to the First Fruits, one at £5 6s. 8d., and the other at £4, Irish, while an inquisition of 1547 defines the extent and value of the tithes of the parish, the altarages allowed to the curate and the former bound to the repair of the chancel.

In 1555, when the ancient foundation of the metropolitan and prebendary church and chapter of St. Patrick was revived and restored, Tipperkevin was recognised as divided into two prebends, and so accordingly continues in the Roman Catholic dispensation; but in the Protestant they were immediately afterwards conferred as one, and were episcopally consolidated in 1643, as hereafter mentioned.

In 1560 John Garvey, Prebendary of one portion of Tipperkevin, obtained a patent granting to him all the franchises of an English born subject. He was subsequently Bishop of Kilmore, and in 1589 was translated to Armagh. In the latter year John Eustace had a lease for twenty-one years of Morganstown, 20A., in this parish, parcel of the estate of Thomas Eustace, attainted.\*

In 1593 Edward Edgeworth, Prebendary of Tipperkevin, was consecrated Bishop of Down and Connor, holding this his prebend and the rectory of St. Michan, with other benefices, in commendam.

In 1606 Edmund Eustace died seised of the town of "Elvardstown, *alias* Aylewardstown," in this parish, one castle, six messuages, and 180A.; Burgagemoile, one castle, four messuages, and 70A.; Ballymore one castle, six messuages, and 42½A., called the Talbot's land and Bennett's land. The regal visitation of 1615 states this prebend as worth forty marks, and that Richard Bathe was prebendary, that the rectory appertained to the prebend, that Walter Younge was curate, that the church and chancel were in good repair, and that the Book of Common Prayer, translated into Irish, was used there.

In 1618 the lease mentioned at 1589 was renewed for thirty-four years to one of the Eustace family, a descendant of whom, Walter Eustace, in the confiscations of 1641, forfeited Elwards-

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

town in this parish, 403A. In 1643 Archbishop Bulkeley decreed, with the consent of the dean and chapter, that the two portions of this prebend should "from thenceforth be perpetually united *propter exilitatem*, &c.," which union was continued in the Protestant Church ever since.

In 1667 the Archbishop of Dublin had a grant of a house and sixty acres, plantation measure, here, with various other lands as part of the augmentation of the see.

In the confiscations of 1688 Richard Earl of Tyrconnel forfeited 150A. here,\* of which Edward Graham obtained a grant in 1703, while Bartholomew Peasley was the patentee of a ruinous castle, one messuage, and certain lands here, subject to a chief rent, which was lately purchased by Edward Tickell, Esq., Q. C., a lineal descendant of Tickell the poet and of the Eustace family in the maternal line. In 1773 the prebendary returned the glebe as containing 62A. 3R. 6P.

The succession of the Prebendaries of Tipperkevin has been thus far ascertained :—

1305 Robert de Carleton.	1593 Edward Edgeworth.
1380 Thomas de Thelwall.	1615 Richard Bathe.
1409 John Pedewell.	1627 Edward Parry.
1438 { Roger Stedman.	1636 John Ware.
{ John Bucknall.	1643 Donat Connor.
1523 Robert Eustace.	1660 James Vaughan.
{ James Humphrey.	1680 John Syddell.
{ ——— Stedman.	1697 Philip Walsh.
1534 Richard Wakefield.	1740 Allen Morgan.
1535 John Bailey.	1759 Robert King.
1546 { Richard Wakefield.	1782 Robert Baylis Dealtry.
{ William Cockys.	1786 John Bradshaw.
1555 { John Wogan.	1817 Frederick Eyre Trench.
{ William Younge.	—— Joseph Druit.
1559 Richard Johnston.	1820 Robert Wynne.
1560 John Garvey.	1830 John Crosthwaite.

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

As the course of the excursion approached Ballymore, a lovely golden sunset played over the hills and groves that surround the ancient patrimony of the Eustaces, and invested, as with a halo of glory, the steeple of the church that crowns the eminence above the village. Approaching the latter, at right appear the ruins of Lord Mountcashel's lodge, the absentee proprietor of a considerable portion of the soil; while at left, an uncultivated hilly tract of ecclesiastical property is only relieved by the picturesque appearance of the houses of the town, the yet more interesting glimpses of the lovely Liffey, winding its silvery course through the valley, and the distant groves of Hollywood filling the centre of the foreground.

#### BALLYMORE-EUSTACE,

i. e. the great town of the Eustaces, is situated on the Liffey, over which it has a fine bridge of six arches. Circumstances above suggested have precluded its prosperity, while the diversion of the mail coach road, which now runs through Kilcullen, completed its decline. In it, surrounded by some very old trees, are the remains of a once noble castle of the family who gave the locality its name; but the lordly pile was a too convenient quarry for the formation of modern tenements; and the commoners, who spoliated the lands here by long continued adverse possession, have been not more scrupulous in subjecting the wreck of the castle to their piracy; nor are the vestiges of the ancient church, which was dedicated to the Blessed

Virgin, much more definable. It was situated, as before mentioned, on a great height above the town, and presents a mutilated gable and window, with confused masses of strongly cemented walls, which, being scattered over the grave-yard, half buried in the soil, half rising obliquely above it, give an indescribable forlorn appearance to this consecrated ground. Amidst them stands the modern church, which, though built so recently as 1820, already exhibits such symptoms of decay, that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have been obliged to contribute, and but inefficiently, for its repair. It has no monuments; but in the surrounding churchyard are some tombstones, especially one to the Rev. Edward O'Brien, who died in 1832, curate of this place; another to the Rev. Michael Devoy, Roman Catholic pastor of Ballymore-Eustace and Hollywood, who died in 1809. Within it may also be seen the old baptismal font, a very tall and perfect ancient cross, and another, of which half the top circle has been broken off.

At a short distance from the church, is a small moat; and in a different direction, but also near the town, is another, called Knock-shee, in which cavern chambers, linked by a common passage, like those mentioned at Lucan, have been discovered, and bones and urns are said to have been found within them, but the whole has been since covered up. There is likewise in the town a spacious and remarkably neat Roman Catholic church, and a National school, attended by about ninety boys and fifty girls, to the support of which the Board allows £30 annually,

having given £41 13s. 4d. towards its erection. On the edge of the river, in a very pretty situation, are the buildings of a factory, once kept up by Mr. Dromgoole, but now idle and deserted.

The parish, according to the return of 1824, extends over nineteen townlands, rated to the county cess as 2000A.; and its population was returned in 1831 as 2085 persons, of whom 2000 were Roman Catholics. The rectory is inappropriate, partly in the treasurer and partly in the economy of St. Patrick's cathedral; while the vicarage has been episcopally united in 1816 with those of Yagoe and Ballybought and the curacy of Cotlandstown, the patronage being in the gift of the Archbishop of Dublin. There is no glebe-house; and, according to the parliamentary returns of 1807 and 1820, no glebe; yet it does appear by the minutes of the Chapter of St. Patrick's, that the treasurer of that cathedral had glebe here to the extent of 34A. 2R. 16P. arable and pasture, and 6A. 3R. 23P. of common, which was leased in 1810 for £8 per annum. The Roman Catholic union includes with this parish those of Hollywood and Ballybought. The fee of this is partly in the see of Dublin, partly in the Lord Mountcashel, another portion in Baron de Robeck, in right of his wife; and the manorial rights are in the Honourable William Moore. Rent here varies from 15s. to £2 per acre; while a cabin, without land, is let for £1 10s. per annum.

Previous to Cardinal Paparo's synod, Ballymore was a rural bishopric.

Prince John, while Earl of Moreton, gave the lands to the see



of Dublin; a grant which was afterwards confirmed by Pope Clement the Third, and again by Pope Innocent the Third in 1216. A controversy, however, existing between the Archbishop and William Lord of Naas, in reference to their respective boundaries, it was agreed between them, that the road from Redmoor, near the castle of Donard, to the river Liffey, should be their division; the prelate's portion to be south of that road, and the Lord's of Naas at the north. Prince John also gave to the see of Dublin that half of the abbey-land of Glendalough which lay next to the Archbishop's castle of Ballymore, with all pastures, woods, forests, &c., and granted license for a weekly market to be held on Saturday in this town.

Archbishop Comyn, in his charter to the College of St. Patrick's, Dublin, which was confirmed in 1191 by Pope Celestine, gave (*inter alia*) the lands of Ballymore to that establishment, excepting the tithes of wool, that had been previously granted to the monastery of Grace Dieu. For a notice in 1227, see the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

In 1234 King Henry confirmed the Archbishop's right of holding an eight day fair here, to commence on the eve of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

About the year 1235 Archbishop Luke granted this church to the treasurer of St. Patrick's, in exchange for Clonkene, which, with its five appendant chapels, was conferred upon Christ Church by that prelate. But, although the church was so united to the treasurership, the tithes of the demesne land accrued to the Economy.

In 1284 King Edward granted to John de Sanford, Archbishop of Dublin, free warren in all his lordships in the mountains of the county of Dublin, so that none should hunt therein without the license of the said archbishop or his successors.

In 1305 this town suffered considerably by fire. In 1320 Moriarty Mac Murrough, William Mac Comin, and other notorious felons, were received in the camp of the Archbishop of Dublin at Ballymore, and transmitted under safe custody to the castle of Dublin.\*

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

About the year 1326 an extent was taken before the sheriff of the county as to the limits of this manor; and in 1337 King Edward confirmed it to the see.

In 1353 a strong ward was placed here to guard the marches from the O'Byrnes, &c. In the following year the king commanded Máurice Earl of Kildare to strengthen and maintain his possessions at Kilkea, Rathmore, and Ballymore, under penalty of forfeiting the same and all other estates granted to his grandfather.\*

In 1373 Thomas Archbishop of Dublin appointed Thomas Fitz Eustace, son of Almaric Fitz Eustace, constable of the castle of Ballymore, with a salary of £10 per annum, provided he should reside there with his family, and govern the tenants without extortion, and guard and maintain the fortress. In 1395 King Richard, while in Dublin, confirmed the rights of the archbishop herein.

In 1419 O'Toole "took 400 cows belonging unto Ballymore, thereby breaking the peace contrary to his oath.†" For a notice in 1468, see at "Tipperkevin."

In 1484 on the resignation of Archbishop Walton, Gerald Earl of Kildare, then Lord Deputy, forcibly entered into and took possession of twenty-four townlands belonging to the see of Dublin, in the lordships of Ballymore and Castlekevin, and held them to the time of his death. Possibly, these were of the lands alienated by Doctor Walton's predecessors, Talbot and Tregury, and which were restored by act of parliament to the see. Archbishop Fitz Simons, the successor of Walton, never took proceedings for their recovery, although he was a man of power, was Chancellor, and Deputy, and Archbishop during twenty-seven years. His successor, William Rokeby, in 1514 petitioned Gerald Earl of Kildare (son of the former) and the Council for a restitution, and the matter in contest was, thereupon, referred to Patrick Bermingham and Richard de la Hoyde, Justices, and Bartholomew Dillon, Chief Baron, who, two years afterwards, made an award in favour of the archbishop, and restored the see to its rights after a dispossession of about thirty-two years. The house of Kildare,

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Marleburgh's Chronicle.

however, still laid claim to these lands, and again forcibly seized them, and Harris, from whom this notice was copied, adds, that he had seen a petition of Archbishop Inge to the Earl of Surrey, Lord Lieutenant, against Thomas Fitzgerald, complaining of this force, and desiring a restitution, which was decreed in 1521, from which period the see has enjoyed them without opposition.\* For a notice of Ballymore in 1488, see the "General History of the County of Dublin," and in 1517, see at "Belgard."

In 1524 Robert Talbot of Belgard was slain near Ballymore by the Fitzgeralds, when on his way to keep his Christmas with the Deputy.† See at "Belgard."

In 1537 Robert Cowley, writing to Lord Cromwell, says, "Ballymore and Tallagh 'longing to the Archbishop of Dublin, standeth most for the defence of the counties of Dublin and Kildare, against the O'Tooles and O'Byrnes, be it therefore ordered, that the commissioners shall see such farmers or tenants there as shall be hardy marchers, able to defend that marches."‡

On the dissolution, an inquisition found the treasurer of St. Patrick's seised of a fortress with its appurtenances here, and twenty-four acres of arable land, while the tithes of the rectory and demesne were valued at £29, half the altarages being assigned to the curate, and the farmer of the tithes being bound to repair the chancel.

In 1578 Rory Oge O'More burned this town, which was then accounted amongst the "walled and good towns" of this county.

In 1604 John Hoey, Esq., his Majesty's Serjeant-at-arms, had a grant of the town of Ballymore, with a thatched castle and 100 acres, as also common of pasture in the Braddle and Bishop's Hill in Ballymore, parcel of the estate of James Eustace, Viscount Baltinglass, to hold for forty-five years, subject to a chief rent.§—For a notice in 1606, see at "Tipperkevin."

In 1608 the king revived, in favour of Thomas Archbishop of Dublin, the rights of holding markets and fairs here.

The regal visitation of 1615 states the rectory as part of the

\* Ware's Bishops, Harris's Ed. p. 342.

† Champion's Hist. of Ireland. ‡ State Papers, temp. Hen. VIII.

§ Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

corps of the treasurer of St. Patrick's, and, that John Bathe was curate, and used the Book of Common Prayer, lately translated into Irish.

In the confiscations of 1641, Richard Belling forfeited Ballybought, White-leys, hereafter mentioned, Ballymore, containing 200A., 190A. of Newtown near Rathcoole in the parish of Saggard, and 18A. more in the parish of Ballymore, which he held of the Archbishop of Dublin, while Walter Eustace forfeited the castle and 60A., which he also held under that prelate.

The Commonwealth surveyors stated the quantity of commons here to be then 333A. plantation measure, including 15A. part of Russelstown.

In 1666 James Duke of York obtained a grant of 30A. plantation measure here, &c., as did Sir Richard Belling of 18A. like measure, with 765A. in Ballybought adjacent, while the Archbishop of Dublin had a grant of 200A. plantation measure here, with sundry other lands in augmentation of his see.

In 1685 the tithes belonging to the chapter of St. Patrick's in this parish were valued at £3 per annum, and in 1707 it was provided by act of parliament, that the union, which theretofore existed between this vicarage and that of Burgage, should be dissolved.—For a notice in 1787, see at the "Liffey."

In 1798 the church here was destroyed by the rebels.

In 1812 the tithes of Ballymore, Kilbride, and Cloghran, were granted to the prebendary of Duulavin during incumbency, at £25 per annum rent; and in 1814 the several commons, commonable lands, and waste grounds in the parish, to the extent of 320A., were enclosed under the authority of an act of parliament (54 Geo. III. c. lxxxviii. local.)

Near Ballymore was the church of Lechohan, which Archbishop Allen describes as in ruins in his time, and its rights severally claimed by the rectors of Ballymore, Ballybought, and Hollywood. It lay, as he states, near the Sigin, a small river, that discharges itself into the Liffey, and was probably, as Mr. Mason conjectures, situated on that part of the commons of Ballymore, now known by the denomination of the Broad Leas.\*

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\* Mason's St. Patrick's, p. 41.

## THE FAMILY OF EUSTACE,

who have been perpetuated in the name and ancient inheritance of this locality, according to de Burgo, who himself relies upon an inscription on a monument in the church of St. Sextus, derive their origin from the Roman martyr St. Eustachius, a descendant of whom passed into England in the time of the Saxon kings. Without, however, any heraldic effort to antedate the existence of this noble house, its Irish branch may be traced to that adventurer of the first water, Maurice Fitzgerald, to whom Henry the Second gave the barony of Naas. His relative Eustace, the founder of this line, inherited the northern parts thereof, with part of the barony of Kilcullen, and a descendant of his, Richard Fitz Eustace, was Baron of Castlemartin in 1200, while others became Barons of Harristown and Portlester.

In 1356 a member of the family founded the Dominican monastery at Naas, and according to de Burgo, in due reverence to their reputed origin, dedicated it to St. Eustachius.

In 1454 Sir Edward Fitz Eustace, being Lord Deputy, "a warlike knight, and fitted for a government which required activity and vigour," routed the O'Conors of Offaley in that memorable engagement, where Leland records the generous contest between a father and son, of that Irish sept, each seeking by self-devotion to save the other from the vengeance of the enemy.

Sir Rowland Eustace (son of Sir Edward of Harristown) was created Baron of Portlester, with the manor annexed in tail male, and afterwards Lord Chancellor and Treasurer of Ireland. In 1462 he founded the Franciscan monastery of New Abbey, in the county Kildare, and also the beautiful structure called from him Portlester's chapel, within the precincts of St. Audeon's parish church, Dublin. In 1475 he and Sir Robert Eustace were the two most noble and worthy persons appointed to represent the county of Kildare in the honourable order of the brotherhood of St. George. The former afterwards, in his zeal for the house of York, espoused the cause of the pretender Lambert Simnel, but was pardoned on doing homage to Sir Richard Edgecombe. James Eustace of Tipperkevin was a forfeiting

proprietor in the Geraldine rebellion, as were Thomas Eustace of Cardiston, and Christopher Eustace of Cotlandstown, in the county Kildare.

In the parliament of 1541, Viscount Baltinglass was one of the sitting peers, and in 1542 had a grant of the Abbey of Baltinglass, with all its possessions.

In 1580 the Eustaces took part with the oppressed O'Tooles, and joined them in resisting the wild expedition of Lord Gray into the romantic valley of Glenmalure. The Viscount Baltinglass was, by inquisition consequent thereupon, found seised of one castle, one messuage, 50A. arable, 2A. underwood, and 8A. pasture, with the appurtenances which he had demised to James Bathe. Maurice Eustace was at the same time seised of Maurice-town-Moynagh, as was Thomas Eustace of Cardiffstown, James Eustace of Galmorestown, John Eustace of Flemingstown, and Stephenstown, in the county Kildare, and Thomas Eustace of Mollaghcash, Moone, &c.

In 1594 Edward Eustace had a grant of the chief possessions of the dissolved Abbey of Enniscorthy, while other members of the family were at the same period respectively seised of Kenneigh, Blackrath, Clongowes-wood, Norragh, Confee, Harristown, Liscarton, Newland, Clonaghcliffe, Simmonstown, the Newtown of Clane, &c., most of which estates were forfeited by their heirs, in the confiscations that ensued after the troubles of 1641.

In 1639 the Irish House of Commons elected Mr. Sergeant Maurice Eustace their Speaker, "a wise, learned, and discreet man, and of great integrity." His speech, at the opening of the parliament in 1639, is preserved in the Commons' Journals; and in 1642 he published "a letter concerning divers passages in the parliament of Ireland;" and another, being "a perfect relation of the last true newes from Ireland." In the same year his majesty appointed him one of the commissioners to confer with the Catholic confederates, and receive their proposals in writing; and, in 1647, he was honoured with a vote of thanks from the House of Commons, for "his singular affection to the English nation, his public service, and his earnest advancement of the Protestant religion." In 1660 he took out a fresh or confirmatory patent for his ancient inheritance in the counties of Kildare and Dublin,

which had been secured to him by the Act of Settlement, and also by a private act of parliament; and in the same year was appointed Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

In 1688 Sir Maurice Eustace, son of the Chancellor, and grandson of William Fitz John Eustace, of Castlemartin, was colonel of the 19th regiment of foot, in King James's service, at the siege of Derry; while, in the last parliament convened by that monarch, James Eustace and Maurice Eustace were the representatives for the borough of Blessington.

A remarkable inquisition of 1690 states, that Francis and Oliver Eustace had been in actual rebellion in 1689; and after the battle, "in English called the battle of the Boyne," departed with Richard Earl of Tyrconnell, William Earl of Limerick, and other traitors and malefactors, then in rebellion, to other rebels and traitors beyond the river, "in English called the river Shannon," and there continued, &c., and the jury thereupon found their possessions as the consequent right of King William. Maurice Eustace, of Yearmanstown, was one of those subsequently included in the Articles of Limerick as entitled to be restored to his estates and property.

In 1697 an act was passed for settling certain rectories according to the will of Sir Maurice Eustace; and in 1720 another statute authorized the sale of his estates for the payment of his debts. The most celebrated individual of the name in modern times was the Rev. John Chetwode Eustace, a Roman Catholic clergyman, the well known author of the "Classical Tour through Italy," and who died of fever at Naples, in the progress of a second similar journey.

Passing from Ballymore into that portion of the parish of Ballybought, which is classed in the county of Dublin, at right is seen amongst trees, and near the ruins of the castle, the once celebrated well, called Tobber-na-gras, which Archer, in his Survey, says, petrifies even grass and moss. "These," he adds, "are found in great abundance hard,

formed like a honey-comb, from the top to the bottom of this running water, which appears red at a distance. At the same place, along the Liffey, are large banks of concretion of sand and small stones, on which acid fermented as on limestone." A little beyond this the tourist should descend at left to where the Liffey makes a most picturesque fall, called the Golden water, hurling itself in various, foamy channels through the fissures of the rocks.

Returning to the road, and continuing its course, a very curious circle of large detached rocks, measuring about twenty-four yards in diameter, is seen at right, popularly called the "Piper's Stones," from a tradition, that such music used to be heard there in times, when "the good people" were more liberal in their intercourses with the sons of men. These mute evidences of high antiquity are generally supposed to mark places of pristine legislation ; and, in confirmation of that opinion, the classical tourist will bethink him of the circle of stones, within which the Council of Elders was represented as sitting, in one of the compartments of the shield of Achilles :

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Ειατ' επι ξεστοισι λιθοις, ιερω ενι κυκλω.

"It has been conjectured, however," says Mr. Moore, "and with much probability, that the stone circles of the Druids were employed no less as rude observatories, than as places of judicature and worship ; and the position in both of them of the great perpendicular stones, of which some, it is said, are placed generally



in or near the meridian of the spot, while others are as carefully stationed to the right or left of the centre, would seem to indicate in their construction some view to astronomical purposes.”\*

A little beyond this, in the Dublin portion of the parish of Ballybought, is Whiteleas, a locality, which had been, together with part of the townland of Ballybought, to the total extent of 200A., forfeited by Richard Belling, in the confiscations of 1641. It was subsequently the property of the Earl of Ossory, through whose daughter it has been inherited by the Baron de Robeck. It is at present the residence of Mr. James Lynch, who has built a very fine house and noble offices upon it, and otherwise greatly improved it by winding walks, plantations, and a judicious appropriation of the waters of a little rivulet that flows through the grounds.

East of Whiteleas the river Liffey, above the fall of Golden water, is the boundary of the county for a space of about two miles, flowing gracefully over a slaty bed, overlooked on one side by bold rocky ledges, redolent with treasures for the botanist, and on the other, more gaudily and unprofitably margined by the yellow furzy church lands before alluded to. Who can honestly look upon these and other immense tracts of waste land, in the vicinity of the metropolis, without acknowledging what they might and must become under a better system of tenure and cultivation? What a resource for employing the poor could be opened in

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\* Moore's Hist. of Ireland, vol. i. p. 69.

the reclamation of such a territory, unembarrassed as it is with the usual intricacies of Irish title; yet hitherto every good spot has been racked on short leases, while the bad, which would require time and capital to restore them to cultivation, have been left a desert, on the natural and reasonable calculation, that the fines of accruing renewals would be increased in proportion to the improvement effected by the tenant's money and labour. Nor even with this obvious discouragement could the tenant of church lands be, for one day, assured of what is expressively termed the good will of his landlord, that day might translate him to a better preferment, or a better world. No wonder that, under such circumstances, the waste lands alone of fourteen Irish sees have been calculated as 144,775A., of which those of Dublin (including Glendalough) are stated to contain 6733A. The operation, however, of the recent Church Temporalities Acts must necessarily soon redress this grievance.

Continuing his course, trout like, against the current of the river, the tourist will be tempted beyond the verge of the county, to explore the fine scenery of Pool-a-Phooka, or the demon's gulf, where the whole body of the Liffey tumbles from the summit of a craggy precipice into an abyss, whose depth has never yet been ascertained, and thence is again hurled down a succession of falls, with a roar that is heard at the distance of several miles. A magnificent arch of a bridge spans the fall, to the base of which, on the edge of the cataract, a giddy path conducts the wanderer. The scene is beautifully diversified with wood-

houses, plantations, shrubberies, and terrace-walks, as ancillary to the sublimity of the object as could be designed. The improved side is the property of Colonel Aylmer of Courtown in the county of Kildare.

Passing hence by Rusborough, the fine seat of Lord Miltown, and through the neat little town of Blessington, a road commanding the Wicklow hills at right restores the tourist, within ten miles of Dublin, to the county of the present inquiry, forking there into two diverging lines, the one leading to Saggard, the other, that of this excursion, conducting to Tallagh, and each running over the sides of opposite hills, separated by a romantic valley, with a pretty rivulet winding through it. This spot was lately purchased by Mr. Verschöyle on the enclosure of the Saggard commons, and is capable of much picturesque attraction. This valley presently widens, and at its gorge, the road on the edge of its descent to the metropolis, commands a singularly extensive view over the whole western part of the county. At the eighth milestone, a narrow valley of much beauty extends at each side, and at the sixth, a road turns off at right to

## BALLYNASCORNEY,

i. e. the town of the rocky mountain ; a most romantic tract of ground, well justifying the characteristic wildness of its immemorial appellation.

It has been successively the fee of the Talbot and Dillon families, and has vested in the present proprietor, Mr. Dillon Trant, in their right, as particularly mentioned at "Belgard." Under his fostering care, the marauders of these mountain recesses have become agriculturists, civilization advances into a district long consigned to the rude magnificence of nature, the wilderness smiles under his auspices, and is rapidly exhibiting the enhancing attractions of cheerful cottages, extending farms, green glens and undulations crowned with golden harvests. A steep, rugged ravine still traverses the valley, and in winter receives the rivulets, or rather torrents, that tumble from the surrounding hills, while one constant stream brawls through its wild herbage, or occasionally falls in silvery cataracts over its rocks. This picturesque tract derives yet greater interest, when contrasted in particular points of view with the bare brows of the mountains that rise beyond it, sometimes wrapt in wreaths of mist, and even more frequently glittering in diadems of snow. Rent on this portion of Mr. Trant's property rates from £1 to £1 5s. per acre, the landlord building a comfortable cottage without fine or charge, and also giving the accommodation of commonage and turbary.

The botany, that luxuriates on the margins of the rills and skirts of the glens here, affords a grateful enjoyment to those who appreciate the pleasures of that science. In particular they will find abundant here, *stachys ambigua*, ambiguous wound-wort.—In

the gap, the *vicia sylvatica*, with its beautiful flowers, a most elegant, wild, climbing plant, having more nutritive matter than other vetches, and, therefore, well worthy of cultivation.—In the glen, *symphitum officinale*, comfrey, flowering in May and June, the leaves of which give a grateful flavour to cakes; *hymen ophyllum Tunbridgense*, filmy fern; *osmunda regalis*, common osmund royal; *lycopodium clavatum*, common club-moss, the noblest of native ferns, used in Sweden for mats, while its seeds, being inflammable, are applied to make artificial lightning on the stage; *equisetum sylvaticum*, wood horse tail, the prettiest of the species flowering in April and May; *orchis viridis*, frog orchis; *carex pallescens*, pale sedge; *botrychium lunaria*, moon-wort; *populus tremula*, aspen, celebrated for the tremulous movement of its leaves, in the slightest breath of air, &c.

In reference to its geology, strata of greenstone and greenstone porphyry may be seen in the deep natural sections, with which this part of the country abounds. Those greenstones graduate into the schistose rocks. This locality, it is to be remarked, gives name to a range of hills in the barony, called the Brakes of Ballynascorney.

Passing hence along the banks of the Dodder towards its source, and leaving at left Piperstown, a ragged village in a lovely valley, let down among green hills and watered by a fine rivulet, a succession of wild and interesting scenery conducts to the holy well, church, and ancient burial-ground of

## KILL-NA-SANTAN,

i. e. the church of St. Anne, situated on one of the elevations of an exceedingly sequestered glen, and immediately over the Dodder. A peasant of years and it would seem of sorrows, officiated as guide from the adjoining village of Brakes down into the consecrated ground, and, as he pointed to the rude and broken granite crosses on the piers of its entrance, and the large broken font inside the gate, and some tombs of the last century, uniformly and grotesquely sculptured, commemorative of the former inhabitants of this sequestered retreat, his countenance spoke a chastened hope that he too would sleep there, and be associated with the holy recollections of its soil.

The ruins of the church enclose eighteen paces in length, by five in width, and, although built at a very early period and in a very lonely spot, exhibit some creditable knowledge of architecture. Dependant upon it was the chapel of Kilbride, which lies in the glen, near the Liffey, between Knoctelowne and the Golden Hill, and was called Kilbride Ogadre.

Killnasantan was one of the churches granted by Archbishop Comyn to the College of St. Patrick's, and confirmed thereto by the Bull of Pope Celestine the Third in 1191. It was then and previously accounted as in the diocese of Dublin. In 1216 Pope Innocent the Third confirmed it, with all its appurtenances, to the see of Dublin. For a notice in 1227, see the "*Mémoires of the Archbishops of Dublin.*"

In 1231 Archbishop Luke granted this church and Kilbride, with their appurtenances, as an additional support for the economy

of St. Patrick's cathedral, expectant, however, on the decease of Andrew de Menaviá, to whom the archbishop had previously granted this as a prebend.

In 1306 this district was returned as "waste by war," and for a further notice of its desolation, see at "Tallagh" in 1326.

In 1513 the Prior of St. John's without Newgate devised to the Archbishop of Dublin 30A. at Killnasantan for fifty years.

An inquisition of 1547 finds annexed to this church a demesne of 100A., states the extent of the tithes belonging to the economy of St. Patrick's, the curate's stipend, &c.—For a further notice in this year, see at "Templeogue." The regal visitation of 1615 reports the rectory as appertaining to the economy of St. Patrick's cathedral, and the curacy annexed to the vicars of that establishment. About that time, the situation of the church being found inconvenient, a chapel was erected at Templeogue, as hereafter mentioned, and this ceased to be a place of worship.

In 1754 and 1755 Charles Cobbe, Archbishop of Dublin, leased to Mr. Thomas Cobbe, the mountain, town, and lands of Glasnamucky, with other lands therein after-mentioned, Ballyslater, Killnasantan, and Castlekelly, in the barony of Uppercross, and counties of Dublin and Wicklow, as containing by estimation 60A., bounded on the east by the lands of Oldcourt and Killakee, on the south by the bogs in the county of Wicklow, on the west by the lands of Ballynascorney, and on the north by the lands of Friarstown.

Proceeding hence, up the banks of the Dodder, the botanist will see frequent on his path, the *hypnum stamine*, *jungermannia laxifolia*, *stellaria glauca*, glaucous marsh stichwort; *viola palustris*, or marsh violet, exhibiting very pale blue flowers in June, and the *anagallis tenella*, bog pimpernel, a beautiful little plant growing in large tufts, with rose-coloured flowers, somewhat bell-shaped, on slender stalks, flowering in July and August. Presently, the singular hamlet of Castlekelly, at the opposite

side of the river, is attained by giddy stepping-stones. Few spots can be found more wild than the deep and solemn situation of this village, at the base of Carriegen-Rea, and on every other side encompassed by steep hills, trickling with rivulets, with a rough, rapid river foaming in front of it, occasionally swelled to a magnificence, that few, who know it in its tamer aspects, could conceive it capable of exhibiting. The whole, in fact, affords such a combination of landscape, such a surface of scenery, unaltered by the hand and almost untrodden by the foot of man, as the lover of Macpherson's Ossian would almost identify with his descriptions:—"Autumn is dark on the mountains, grey mist rests on the hills, the whirlwind is heard on the heath, dark rolls the river through the narrow vale, a tree stands alone on the hill, the leaves whirl round with the wind, and strew the graves of the dead, the flower of the mountain grows, and shakes its white head in the breeze." Both sides of the glen here are the property of the see of Dublin, under which they are held by Mr. Cobbe of Newbridge, and the land, as may be expected, is let in the bulk rather than by the acre.

A narrow, steep road, let down on the surface of a bog and sparkling with granite micæ, conducts hence to the Military Road, the sources of the Dodder, and the lovely scenery of Lough Bray, while crossing the stream, the pedestrian may scale the interesting heights of Kippure, computed to be 2527 feet above the level of the sea; these are, however, the attractions of another county. Returning, there-



fore, down the stream, with the bold hills of Tallagh at its opposite side, and the young, feathery plantations of Friarstown waving at right, its romantic bridge in the foreground, the glen between flittingly shaded by passing clouds, brightened by glimpses of sunshine, or mysteriously wreathed with the smoke of the burn-beat, kindled on the adjacent heights, and curling over the valley, the tourist ascends a long winding hill, with lovely retrospective views, to the townland of Bornabreena, on which is a small Roman Catholic chapel, prettily situated. In the district between this, Montpelier and Tallagh Hill, are several fine veins of marle.

A road of pleasing windings leads hence to Old Bawn, where the Dodder is again crossed by a high bridge of three arches, wearing a very formidable appearance in comparison with the diminutive stream that in summer ripples through it; the great breadth, however, of the stony bare channel over which it wanders, bears strong evidence of the necessity of such a precautionary work, against the time when the winter floods assail its foundations with the whole moisture of the mountains.

At Old Bawn (which is the inheritance of Lady Tynte, as the descendant of Archbishop Bulkeley) are Mr. M'Donnell's paper mills, employing about fifty persons; and, opposite them, Mr. Neale's woollen factory, giving work to about seventy. The latter establishment is on the site of Haarlem bleach green, formerly the most celebrated in Ireland. It may be here noted, that Mrs. Elizabeth Dawson, of

Dublin, by her will, dated August, 1812, bequeathed an annuity of six guineas per annum to Anne Bewley, while she should reside here, in trust, to be applied for the relief of the poor of Haarlem.

At a short distance beyond it, on the return to the city, is the little town of

#### TALLAGH,

healthfully situated in a fine open country, and containing about eighty houses, and a new and handsome parish church in the Gothic style, with lancet windows, erected on the site, and partly constructed with the materials of the ancient abbey, of which the lofty square belfry still remains, curiously embattled. Within the church are two mural slabs of white marble, one commemorating Matthew Handcock, Esq. of Sallymount, who died in 1824 ; and the other, Sir Timothy Allen, formerly one of the Aldermen of Dublin, who died in 1771. The interior of the church, that preceded this here, was covered with armorials of several archbishops and parishioners ; and, on removing the wainscoting of one of its pews, a chalice of glass and some human skulls were discovered. About the grave-yard are large earthworks, a huge baptismal font, and various tombs—one, much mutilated, commemorates the Hon. Colonel John Talbot, of Belgard, who died in 1637, in the sixty-third year of his age ; others record families of the Reillys, from 1673 ; the Lynealls, from 1692 ; and the

Brownes, of Jobstown; one to Timothy Emerson, in 1711; one to the Fieraghs, of Firr-house, in 1715; and others, more modern, to Mr. Goff, in 1815; Mrs. Burston, in 1825; Captain Handcock, in 1830. There is likewise an enclosed cemetery for the family of Mr. Ponsonby Shaw, of Friarstown. A solitary yew tree, and sundry very venerable elders, give additional interest to this grave-yard.

On the opposite side of the town stood the ancient country palace of the Archbishops of Dublin, a spacious building of considerable strength, but without much pretension to architectural beauty. Only one tower of it now remains, commanding from its summit a fine horizon of prospect, including the Rochestown hills, Taney church, Mount Anville, Howth, Ireland's Eye, Lambay, the city of Dublin, Timon castle, the Phoenix Park, the plains of Meath, the hills of Castleknock, Lyons, Athgoe, and Rathcoole, the old and new church of Tallagh, Saggard, the heights of Tallagh, Montpellier, Mount Venus and its plantations, the Three Rock mountain, and all the intervening valleys, sprinkled with factories, churches, and gentlemen's seats; while, immediately beneath, lie the lawn and extensive gardens, preserving in the Friar's Walk, as one particular avenue is termed, and in the ancient yews, cypresses, laurels, and, above all, some magnificent walnut trees, the reminiscences of the olden time; while, in other respects, the former stiff plan of these pleasure grounds is pleasingly metamorphosed, with all the taste of modern improvement, under the eye of Mr. L'Entaigne, its present pro-

prietor. In the adjoining new house, occupied by that gentleman, is a fine collection of preserved birds and insects from New South Wales, America, &c.; also some well executed Penates, Chinese, Egyptian, and Hindoo idols, lamps, Etruscan vases and lachrymatories, and a magnificent specimen of amber.

Mr. L'Entaigne allows £42 yearly and three tons of coal for the support of a school for the poor of the village; while the National Board, having given £130 for its erection, and £16 for its outfit, contribute £8 per annum for its additional support. The number of pupils attending it is about seventy. There is also here a parish male school, instructing about twenty boys, and supported by a bequest of £10 per annum and a certain portion of the church collections, the residue being allocated for the instruction of about fifteen girls. Near those latter establishments is the glebe-house, with a glebe of 25A. annexed. The cross of the Archbishop of Dublin stood in the middle of the road, leading from Tallagh to Old Bawn, and was long venerated in the traditions of the people, who were accustomed, on occasion of funerals, to rest the corpse at its foot. This piece of antiquity was removed by one of the prelates for the structure of a bath at the palace, in the ruins of which the shaft has been recently discovered.

The parish extends over 21,867A. 3R. 35P.; and its population, on the census of 1831, was returned as 4646 persons, of whom 4275 were Roman Catholics. It has compounded for its tithes at £640 per annum for the rectorial, and £95 10s. for the vicarial. The

rectory constitutes part of the corps of the Deanery of St. Patrick's, and the vicarage is united with the rectory of Cruagh, the patronage of which is alternated between the Archbishop of Dublin and the Bryan family. The chief property in the land is in the Archbishop of Dublin, Mr. L'Entaigne, Lady Tynte, Mr. Conolly, General Byng, &c. Rent averages about £3 per acre.

Tallagh previous to 1152 was a rural bishopric, and is known in ancient records by the name of Tavellagh or Taulagh-Maelruny, having been dedicated to St. Maelruan, who died here in 787. His festival is kept in July, and was long commemorated by the people with processions, dances, and rustic merriment. It may be added, that there is extant a romantic Irish poem, entitled, "Legendary Story of St. Maelruan, first Bishop of Tallagh." Subject to this his church, were the chapels of Kilohan, and St. Bridget, the former, situated without the cross lands of the Archbishop in the townland of Old Bawn, has been waste since 1532, while the latter stood near the Dodder, and is likewise in ruins, its stones having contributed to the erection of an adjacent factory. .

In 788 the celebrated Bishop and Abbot Angus, to avoid the glory and admiration which his virtues and austerities elicited, betook himself to the abbey of Tallagh, where, concealing his name and habit, he was received by the abbot Maelruan as a lay-brother, and employed in all the servile offices of the monastery. He continued seven years in this laborious station, when, his real name and character having been accidentally discovered by the abbot, he was received into the highest degree of trust and friendship, and died himself abbot of this house in 824. His festival is kept on the 11th of March.

In 806 the descendant of Nial, in whose family the sovereignty of Ireland was then vested, having violated the termon lands\* of

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\* This was the name given to the tracts of territory which the Irish chieftains had granted to the sees and monasteries, exempted from all

the monks of Tallagh, they took the bold step of seizing and retaining (as the Annals of the Four Master allege) his chariot horses on the eve of those games, which were annually celebrated at Tailtean, in the county of Meath. Ample reparation was thereupon made to the monastery, and additional gifts offered by the king as an atonement.

In 811 this monastery was devastated by the Danes.

In 866 Daniel, who was Abbot, both of Glendalough and Tallagh, died here, as did Cronmalus, Professor of this abbey in 964, and the chief Professor of the West of Ireland in 1125.\*

In 1179 Pope Alexander the Third confirmed Tallagh, with its appurtenances, to the See of Dublin, a grant which Pope Innocent further ratified in 1216. Subsequently, by the charter of archbishop Comyn, as confirmed by the Bull of Pope Celestine the Third, Tallagh, with its chapels and parsonage house, was one of those confirmed to the then newly established College of St. Patrick's in Dublin.

About the year 1220, Archbishop de Loundres being moved by the consideration, that the principal dignitary of St. Patrick's Cathedral was subject to the greatest expense, with consent of the chapter, annexed to the deanery this church with the advowson of the vicarage expectant on the resignation of Laurence de Tallagh, at that time rector, and further appropriated to that dignity a portion of moor land, near the grange of the dean's rath, for which the dean was to pay yearly at Easter one pound of frankincense to the archbishop's chapel at Clondalkin.

In 1223 the rector of Tallagh, as was above proposed, resigned his church to the dean of St. Patrick's, and in 1226 Pope Gregory the Ninth confirmed to that dignitary its tithes and the right of presentation to its vicarage. In 1230 Archbishop Luke further assured this church to the dean, who also continued to enjoy the presentation to the vicarage, down to the time of the dissolution, since which it has been lost by non-assertion. For a notice of

exactions. In Ulster great quantities of these districts were found, on inquisition, invested with all their privileges down to the time of King James the First.

\* Annals Four Masters.

this church in 1244 see at "Rathfarnham." In 1306 the vicarage was estimated as of the annual value of five marks.

In 1310 the bailiffs of "Tamelag" had a royal grant for three years, in aid of enclosing their town,\* and in 1324 the Archbishop of Dublin had a remission of money due by him in consideration of his building Tallagh Castle.

About the year 1326 an extent was taken before the sheriff of the county as to the limits of this manor. Kilnasantan is therein stated as being within it, but "lying within the Irishry, therefore waste and unprofitable."

In 1331 O'Toole of Imayle, at the head of a numerous train of armed followers, plundered the palace of Tallagh, carried away a prey of 300 sheep, slew many of the bishop's servants, and defeated in a pitched battle Sir Phillip Brett, and a body of the citizens of Dublin that came out against him. Watch and ward were afterwards constantly kept here and at Bray, to repel similar attacks.

In 1337 King Edward confirmed Tallagh to the See, as did King Richard in 1395, with its church and tithes, and, about the year 1340, Archbishop de Bicknor built (or rather it should seem re-built) the episcopal mansion.

In 1356 Walter Russell, being Constable of the castle here, the Lord Lieutenant entered into a compact with one of the O'Tooles, whereby the latter with forty hobillers or horsemen, and forty armed foot, was to defend the English marches from Tallagh, to Wind-Gates against the incursions of his countrymen, while in the following year the said Walter Russell was directed to levy from the vicinage reasonable pledges and subsidies for maintaining the wards stationed on these marches. In truth, however, pillage was the pay of those guardians of the frontiers, and it could hardly be expected, that those, whom they designated Irish enemies would reciprocate their rapine with amicable professions.

In 1374 John Colton, theretofore Vicar of "St. Maelruan's of Taulaght," was elevated to the deanery of St. Patrick's. He subsequently became primate.

In 1378 Matthew, the son of Redmond de Bermingham, took

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

his station here with 120 hobillers to resist the O'Byrnes, and in the same year John de Wade received £20 from the king's exchequer as a remuneration for two horses and other goods of his, burnt at Tallagh by the O'Nolans.

In 1393 the king presented John Young to the vicarage,\* and in 1403 the tithes of the parish were appropriated for the support of the viceroy's household.

By act of parliament of 1448, this, with other towns, was privileged to take customs.

In 1471 Archbishop Michael Tregury died, at a very advanced age, in the manor-house of Tallagh, which he had previously much repaired.

In 1479 John Alleyne demised to Simon Gower, clerk, his glebe of the church here for fifty-nine years, the lessee being bound to pay to the dean eight silver pence yearly, and to build a house thereon of four couples, and to keep the same "stiff and staunch," and make new ditches to the glebe.†

At the time of Archbishop Allen, the right of presentation to this vicarage, which, as before mentioned, had been conferred on the dean, was disputed, and, although that dignitary was in possession of it at the time of the dissolution of the cathedral, yet, by the neglect of later times, it was lost. For a notice in 1537, see at "Ballymore-Eustace."

In 1538 and the immediately subsequent years, this was the principal residence of Archbishop George Browne; sundry letters of his to the Lord Crumwell and others, on the state of religion and government in Ireland, were written here. One, bearing date the 16th of February, 1538, contains the following passages, more particularly applicable to this locality:—"God knoweth what a treasure the King's Majesty and your Lordship have here of my Lord Chancellor, who is a right wise gentleman, and a judge very indifferent, and shifteth matters depending before him full briefly, to the great ease of the king's subjects, the poor suitors... And for my part, I may well account him to be my especial friend, for, during fourteen or fifteen days, this council time, I was his continual guest. Other place had I none to repair unto but only Tallagh, which adjoineth upon the Tooles, being now my mortal

\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Dign. Dec. p. 201.



enemies, daily oppressing my poor tenants, above all others, much doubting that they be somewhat encouraged so to do, for they, now being at my Lord Deputy's peace, doth no manner robbery but upon my only tenants. His Lordship hath sundry times said he would be even with me, but, indeed, if he constrain me to lie at Tallagh, it will be odd on my behalf, for in short time, I shall be in the same case with the Tooles, that my predecessor was with the Geraldines. For servants have I none, passing four and a chaplain, which is a very slender company to resist so many malefactors as be of the Tooles and their adherents, at the least two hundred persons. How I am wrapped, God judge. If I endeavour not to preach the word of God, then am I assured to incur my prince's and your lordship's displeasure. If I repair and manure in my said house of Tallagh, then am I assured nigh to be my confusion. Thus am I on every side involved with sorrows, and all I think too little if it were for my prince's honour."\*

In 1539 the vicarage was valued at £8 11s. 1d. For a notice of the rectory in 1547, see at "Rathcoole." An inquisition of this latter year finds the possessions of the Dean of St. Patrick's in this parish, in demesne and tithes, the extent of which is accurately defined. This document states, that the vicar was seised of all the altarages, while the advowson of the vicarage belonged to the dean. Another inquisition of the same date finds that the minor canons and choristers of St. Patrick's had here eight messuages, six gardens, and five acres and an half of arable land, and a custom of six hens.

In 1540 the O'Tooles invaded and devastated this and the adjacent royal manors, with deadly enmity and destruction. How far their hostility was provoked, may be inferred from the substance of the 61st charge against Lord Leonard Gray, for his government of Ireland in 1539 :—"Item, his lordship did appoint a meeting with Turlough O'Toole, upon the borders of the county of Dublin, to which meeting resorted the King's Chancellor, the Lord Treasurer, the Lord of Kilcullen, the Vice-Treasurer, both the Chief Judges, and many other of the nobility of the country ; and towards the meeting place, the said Turlough sent to my said

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\* State Papers temp. Hen. VIII.

lord, that the Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, and the two Chief Judges, should come to the water's side, as safe conducts, to commune with him, which they so did, and, after a communication had, they sent to my said lord, to resort to the water-side to conclude, and his lordship coming thither, spoke to the said Turlough very gentilly, and bade him fear nothing, for he would kill him with his own hands that would offer him hurt. Nevertheless, Turlough perceiving my lord's men to draw down fast in plumps, did find default at it, saying he was in fear. My lord answered, fear nothing, gossip, I will go myself and put them back, leaving the said council communing with Turlough. And as soon as his lordship came to his men, he caused the trumpet to sound, and ran in a chase after the said Turlough, till daylight took the sight of him from them, which was the greatest shame and rebuke to him and all the council that ever was heard in Ireland, by occasion whereof and other breaches of the peace, (the previous charges having stated similar acts of treachery with the O'Neills, O'Reillys, O'Byrnes, O'Conors, and O'Mores,) the king's great seal, his grace's council and ministers be out of credit in all Ireland amongst Irishmen, which is the chief ground and occasion that Irishmen dispose themselves to mischief as they do, saying they be more in surety in time of war than peace, for in time of peace they be robbed, and never esteemed for no service, as they say."\*

The regal visitation of 1615 reported this rectory as appertaining to the deanery of St. Patrick's, that Thomas Brakeshawe was vicar, that the vicarage was worth twenty marks, and the church and chancel in good repair. The lands of the See here were about this time defined as "the mountains, towns, and lands of Glasnamucky, Ballslater, Killnasantan, and Castle Kelly, in the barony of Upper Cross and county of Dublin and Wicklow, or either of them, bounded, as before-mentioned, at "Killnasantan;" and also the mountains, towns, and lands of Ballymakane, containing 20A. arable, being in the barony of Upper Cross and county of Wicklow aforesaid, mearing and bounding on the east to Kilbeg and Three Castles, on the south to the common bogs, on the west to Carrickasure, and on the north to the lands of Boyes-

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\* State Papers, temp. Henry VIII.

town and Sheraghan, and also all that the farm and lands of Kiltipper, and also all that one field or small park on the lands of Tallagh, on the north side of a grove on the lands of Old Bawn, called the Cappagh Garden, being in the lordship of Tallagh and county of Dublin aforesaid, together with all marshes, buildings, orchards, waters, water-courses, bogs, moors, commons, turbaries, &c.

In the confiscations of 1641 Robert Chamberlain forfeited 6A. here, which he held, subject to a chief-rent to the Archbishop of Dublin.

In 1650 Doctor Launcelot Bulkeley, Archbishop of Dublin, and ancestor of the Viscounts Bulkeley, died here in the eighty-second year of his age.

The Book of Survey and Distribution, enumerates the cross lands of the parish as 996A. in the following townlands; 98A. in Kiltipper, 360A. in Glasnamuckey, 140A. in Ballycullen and Ballycraha, 390A. in Tallagh, all belonging to the Archbishop of Dublin, and 8A. appertaining to the petty canons of St. Patrick's cathedral, while a document of the year 1660 details the dean's right of tithes here in terms nearly similar with that of 1547.

In 1662 the churchwardens of Tallagh exhibited a petition to the House of Lords, stating "that their church was, in 1651, in good repair, with convenient pews, font, pulpit, and other necessities, and also paved with hewn stone, all which cost the parishioners £300. That about the same time Captain Henry Alland, coming to quarter there with his troop, caused the roof of said church to be pulled down, and converted the timber thereof for building a house to dwell in, in the county of Kildare, and converted the slates of said church to his own use, and caused the paving stones thereof to be carried to Dublin to pave his kitchen, entry, and other rooms in his house, fed his horses in the font, and converted the seats and pews to his own use." The petitioners therefore prayed redress, and were, on proof of their allegations, decreed a sum of £100 to be levied, with all costs, off the real or personal estate of said Captain Alland.

The Acts of Settlement and Explanation contain a saving for the Archbishop of Dublin of his demesne lands in this manor, and the mensal lands thereunto belonging.

In 1664 the minor canons of St. Patrick's demised their lands here in reversion, after the expiration of an existing lease to Sir James Ware, for a rent of thirty shillings per annum, besides two-shillings and sixpence per annum to the vicars choral, and subject to all chief-rent and service of court to the Archbishop of Dublin.

In 1691, writes Story, "a party of rapparees, coming near Tallagh, stole away several horses and four men belonging to Colonel Donep's regiment of Danish horse. This being easily believed could not be done without the knowledge of the inhabitants of the adjacent villages, the colonel ordered several of them to be taken up, and threatened to hang them all, unless the horses and men were brought back by such a day, which was accordingly done, and some of the men that stole them delivered up."

In 1697 the Reverend T. Kelly was parish priest of Tallagh, Rathfarnham, &c., and resident in this parish.

In 1716 Hugh Wilson was presented to the respective vicarages of Tallagh, Clondalkin, and Christ Church, and in 1727 was succeeded in the same by Zachary Norton.

In 1729 Archbishop Hoadly committed great havoc on the antique remains here, in the progress of what antiquarians would not deem improvements, and in 1746, dying at Rathfarnham, was buried here.

In 1734, Zachary Norton having resigned his before-mentioned preferments, Robert Trotter was presented to Whitechurch by the Archbishop of Dublin, on whose death in 1737 John Gill was appointed to the union of Tallagh by the Reverend John Wynne, patron. In 1740 Whitechurch, Tallagh, and Cruagh were united for ever, and John Jones was appointed to the union on the collation of the Archbishop of Dublin. He, however, did not long fill the preferment, and Owen Shiels was instituted therein on the presentation of the Reverend J. Wynne.

A survey of 1745 states the lands of the minor canons here as 26A. In 1769, on the death of the aforesaid Owen Shiels, John Elton was presented to the union of Tallagh. In 1771 Archbishop Smyth bequeathed £50 for the use of its poor, and in 1778 Archbishop Fowler enclosed the garden and made other improvements in the palace.

In 1784 William Bryan, then patron of the union of Tallagh,

presented the Reverend William Bryan thereto, on the death of the before-mentioned John Elton, and in the following year Tallagh was the residence of George Ponsonby.

In 1821 an act of parliament was passed, divesting the Archbishop of Dublin of Tallagh as a palace, and placing the mensal lands attached to it in the same circumstances as other see lands. The act states that the buildings and offices on this demesne were then in such a state of decay as to be unfit for habitation, that a country residence for the Archbishop of Dublin was unnecessary, and that the income of the see was inadequate to support the expense of the two establishments; the archbishop was therefore empowered to demise the same for the usual term, the rent reserved on the first lease made thereof to be the best improved

that could be obtained, and no fine to be taken on making such, &c. The premises are, in a schedule annexed, stated as 202A. 2R. 9P., plantation measure, of which the gardens and orchards occupy 6A. 3R. 16P.; and by a private act of the same session the commons were enclosed.

The hills about this locality, and which take its name, consist of clay-slate, with grey wacke-slate, and occasional beds of greenstone.

Passing hence to the before-mentioned village of Green Hills, a rough, steep road leads down to the ruined castle of

## TIMON, OR TIMOTHAN.

It stands on an eminence springing from a plain within an amphitheatre of the Dublin mountains, and forms a conspicuous object for several miles around. Only a square tower now remains, without a trace of entrenchment, bawn, or outworks. The windows are few and small, and the entrance is at the west

through a large arch. The ground floor or hall is paved and vaulted, and a large chimney runs from the bottom to the top. Over the entrance is a machicolation.

In the ecclesiastical arrangement Timon constitutes an unendowed prebend in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

King John granted this lordship or manor to Henry de Loundres, in recompense for losses of his see, and for the expenses that prebte had incurred in fortifying the Castle of Dublin; which grant was subsequently confirmed by King Henry the Third, in the fourteenth year of his reign.

In 1247 it was constituted a prebend in St. Patrick's cathedral, which still exists, although divested of its endowment or corps by accident and lapse of time. It was the only prebend of the chapter, except Cullen, to which no church or cure of souls has been at any time annexed; but is nevertheless styled by Allen a sacerdotal prebend, to which he allots the eighth prebendal stall in the above cathedral. In 1306 it was valued at £10 yearly.

An inquisition of 1547 states Timon castle to be, even then, in a ruinous condition, and adds, that not only the said "ruinous fortress," but also two messuages, two cottages, and 360A. of land of the yearly value of £10, were annexed to the prebend, while a subsequent inquisition finds the Dean of St. Patrick's possessed of the tithes of corn and hay in Timothan.

In 1550, the cathedral of St. Patrick's being then suppressed, this prebend was granted to Bartholomew Cusack for twenty-one years, at 12s. annual rent; but with a clause, that the grant should be void, if conveyed to any person not exercising the office of examiner in chancery, or some other office in the King's Four Courts. In 1553 King Edward granted the same to James Sedgrave, merchant, together with the town or village of Timothan, and all the tithes of the same, reserving the rent of 15s. 4d. in the name of a twentieth part. Accordingly, it was found by inquisition of 1562, that Nicholas Sedgrave, the heir of said James, was seised in fee of all the tithes, altarages, &c. of the prebend or rectory of Timothan, and the townland of the same, being of the

annual value of £5 6s. 8d., which it would thereby seem had been theretofore parcel of the possessions of the nunnery of St. Mary de Hogges. For a notice in 1603, see the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin" at that year.

An inquisition of 1616, on the death of Dudley Loftus, states, that he died seised of one castle, five tenements, and four carucates of land here, with the tithes of the same, but the jury did not report by what title he possessed them. In accordance with this statement an ancient document alleges, that "this prebend was from long time endowed with a castle and 360A. of land, (but no tithes,) wholly swallowed by Sir Adam Loftus, knight, and not a penny reserved for rent." The usurpation was soon afterwards confirmed by patent; and, in 1618, Sir Adam Loftus had, amongst divers other possessions, a grant of the entire prebend of Timothan, the townland of Timothan, containing a castle, five tenements, and four ploughlands, with all tithes, great and small thereof, &c.

Having thus utterly lost its endowments, it is not a matter of surprise, that this prebend should have so frequently reverted to the crown by lapse. From the restoration of the cathedral of St. Patrick's until 1790, its patron, the archbishop, did never once present; and from 1588 to 1716 it appears to have passed wholly unregarded. In this latter year, when the contests ran high between Dean Swift and Archbishop King, the vacant stall was filled up by the latter, and this mode of obtaining a majority of votes in the chapter against the Dean was grievously complained of by Swift. "I cannot but think it hard," he writes to the archbishop, "that I must upon all occasions be made uneasy in my station, have dormant prebends revived on purpose to oppose me, and this openly acknowledged by those who say they act under your grace's direction." For a notice of the prebend and tithes of Timothan in 1723, see at "Rathfarnham."

The following has been the succession of the prebendaries, as far as ascertained :—

— Thomas de Gonneys.  
1509 John Andowe.  
1546 Eustace Browne.

1555 Thomas Fitz Simon.  
1571 John Ororie.  
1588 William Wetherby.

[From this period to the beginning of the eighteenth century no presentation occurred.]	1737 Robert Trotter.
1716 William Gore.	— Alexander Bradford.
1730 Robert Grattan.	1750 William Fletcher.
— James King.	1773 Thomas Paul.
	1798 Charles Cobbe Beresford.
	1805 Hon. and Rev. James Agar.
	1809 Lathom Coddington.

## TEMPLEOGUE

succeeds, the more ancient residence, as it is still the estate of the Domville family, situated in a sweet seclusion on that branch of the Dodder, which, as mentioned at Santry, formerly exclusively supplied the city with water; latterly, however, the Grand and Royal Canals have contributed more ample supplies. Much of the old walls, several venerable trees and extensive gardens, still assert the extent and attractions of the ancient mansion. In the village are the ruins of an old church, measuring eighteen yards by six, surrounded by an unenclosed cemetery, with several tombs, but none of note. The busy rivulet above mentioned sweeps round this grave-yard into the deniesne, and thence to Tyrenure, where its supplies form a noble pond. The rectory of this little parish is inappropriate in the economy of St. Patrick's, whose tithes here are let at £24 9s. 3d. per annum.

As before mentioned, Templeogue, i. e. the new church, was erected "within the marches," on the side of the Dodder near the city, when the church of Killnasantan was found inconvenient. The lands were at that time the estate of the Talbot family.

An inquisition of 1547 defines the extent and value of the economy tithes here; at which time Patrick Barnewall had a lease



for thirty-one years of a messuage and 100A. of arable land in demesne, appertaining to the rectory or chapel of Killnasantan, together with the tithes of Templeogue, Knocklyn, Ballycreughyn, the hill of Rowanstown, Glasnamucky, Old Court, Tagony, Balma-lyse, and the land called the "Friar's Land," at the annual rent of £4 13s. 4d. over and above the curate's stipend and repair of the chancel.

The regal visitation of 1615 states the rectorial tithes of Templeogue as appertaining to the economy of St. Patrick's, and that the church and chancel were utterly in ruin, on which account the profits of the benefice were sequestered.

In 1642 Lord Castlehaven, escaping from Dublin, where he was imprisoned by the Lords Justices, fled through this village, and by the mountains of Wicklow to Kilkenny, where the supreme council was then sitting.

About the year 1664 James Talbot, of Templeogue, was one of the advocates and signers of the Roman Catholic Remonstrance.

In 1672 the Countess of Mount Alexander obtained a lease for twenty-one years of the rectory of Templeogue and Glasnamucky, alias Templesantan, (i. e. Killnasantan,) with various tithes, saving a messuage and 100A. demesne lands belonging to those rectories, for £6 annual rent; and she was likewise to have the land, if recovered, at half the yearly value, for twenty-one years. This demesne, it may be observed, was formerly included in leases made by the Dean and Chapter, and bearing date respectively in 1568 and 1583.

In 1586 the lands of Templeogue were mortgaged for £3000 by the then proprietor, Sir James Talbot, to Sir Compton Domville, together with several houses in the city of Dublin, then also the estate of the said Talbot, who having espoused the cause of King James in the war of 1688, and followed the fortunes of his royal master, was accordingly outlawed and attainted; and, although Henry Talbot, a minor, put in his claim by guardian at Chichester House, to a remainder in tail in said lands, and in various other premises in the counties of Dublin and Roscommon, his petition was dismissed for non-prosecution. Sir Compton Domville, thereupon, got into possession of Templeogue, and the king being indebted to him for services performed in his office of Clerk of

the Crown and Hanaper, and he having also expended £3600 in repairs, and in discharging prior incumbrances, a grant was made to him of the forfeited equity of redemption, which grant was subsequently confirmed by an English act of parliament.

In 1732 a spa was discovered here, which had its day of fashion and celebrity; it is situated near the bridge over the Dodder.—For a remarkable notice of Templeogue in 1738-9, see “Santry.”

About the year 1757, a manufacture was commenced here for printing linens, lawns, &c. from copper-plates. It soon arrived at very considerable perfection, but has been since discontinued.

Near this, at Mount Down, Mr. Pickering has established recently a woollen factory, and at Boldbrook are paper-mills, while at Fir-house, also in this vicinity, is a nunnery, with an extensive charity-school attached, and near it is the grotesquely modernized castle of Knock Lyne.

About Templeogue, the botanist will find *pseudo-Narcissus*, daffodil; a variety of the *malva moschata*, musk-mallow, with white flowers; *iris foetidissima*, roast beef plant; and in pits near it, *plantago aquatica stellata*, star-headed water-plantain.

A very pretty road leads hence by Fortfield, formerly the residence of Lord Avonmore, and more recently that of the late Master of the Rolls. It is so called from a tasteless fort erected in the lawn. Close to it is Kimmage, an ancient portion of the Barnewall property.

#### TYRENURE

succeeds; with its magnificent gardens, hot-houses, groups of trees, and shrubberies of evergreens, its

grottoes, urns, and rustic seats, disposed through all the grounds, its fine sheet of water, insulated banquetting-house, fishing temple, winding walks, and picturesque bridges.

In 1206 the king gave to Audeon Browne, clerk, the tithes of two carucates in the lordship of Tyrenure and Kimmage, about which time the Barnewall family were seised of the lands by grant from King John, who, accordingly, in 1216 took into his especial protection, "the estates, lands, men, and possessions" of Hugh de Bernevale, in Drymnagh, Tyrenure, and elsewhere.\* His descendants continued seised thereof during the four succeeding centuries.

In 1221, pending the minority of one of the Barnewall family, the king granted the lands of Drymnagh and Tyrenure to John de St. John.—For notices in 1415, see at "Balrothery," and in 1435 at "Drymnagh." Subsequently, Reginald Barnewall gave to the Hospital of St. John without Newgate, all that portion of Tyrenure, extending from the old sewer ("gutterio") on the south, to the Archbishop of Dublin's land on the north, anciently called Glascologh.

In 1611 Peter Barnewall was seised in tail male of the towns and lands of Tyrenure and Kimmage, one castle, six messuages, and 360 acres,† and died so seised in 1644.‡

The interest of the Barnewalls having been lost in the civil wars of 1641; these estates were granted to the Earl of Tyrconnel, and, on his attainder in 1689, Edward Deane, an adherent of King William, and one of those outlawed in the parliament of James the Second, obtained a grant in 1703 of Tyrenure, Kimmage, and the Broads, 440A., which, as the patent states, the Earl of Tyrconnel had sold to him in 1671, long previously to his attainder.

Opposite Tyrenure is the seat of Sir Robert Shaw. Hence through the village of Roundtown, where are

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\* Rot. in Turr. Lond.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

‡ Ib.

extensive quarries, and by Mount Tallant, the course of the excursion returns to the city, through the suburb of

#### HAROLD'S CROSS,

a village, situated near the southern bank of the Grand Canal, and returned in 1831 as having 1101 inhabitants. There is a new Protestant church building here, while the old Roman Catholic has been converted into a national school for boys and girls, at an expense of £94 given by the National Board, who also allow £10 annually for its support. There is, likewise, a poor-school for girls, at the convent that has been established here for nuns of the order of St. Clare. Mr. Murphy has a flour-mill in the village, and Mr. Pim extensive cotton-works.

It may be remarked in reference to this locality, that the Archbishop of Dublin, who exercised the rights of a prince palatine within his liberties of the Cross, had formerly a gallows here, for the execution of criminals.

In 1805 John Corballis left by will £50 for the use of the poor school here, and in 1829 Mrs. Esther Whelan bequeathed, after certain payments, that the remainder of a fund therein specified, should be divided amongst the following schools: Harold's Cross nunnery school, Richmond Presentation convent school, Blanchardstown female school or Cabra, Clondalkin, James's, Paul's, and Mary's Catholic schools. She further directed, that out of the profit-rent of a house of hers in Dublin, £10 per annum should be paid to the Sisters of Charity, and £10 per annum to the female establishment superintended by the community of St. Clare, Harold's Cross; and, likewise, that on a contingency therein specified, the entire of her property should be appropriated for Catholic education.

## THE SEVENTH EXCURSION.

The first object worthy of notice in this course is Portobello, where, on the outskirts of the city, an excellent hotel has been constructed, at that part of the Grand Canal, whence the passage-boats start for various parts of the country; the margins of the water are regularly planted with trees. At the southern side of the bridge are cavalry barracks, beyond which, surrounded with the villas of the citizens, lies the "rus in urbe" village of

### RATHMINES,

returned in 1831 as having 1600 inhabitants, a population which has considerably increased since that period.

Here is a handsome new Roman Catholic church, in which is a white marble monument to the Rev. Simon Mac Carthy, who died in 1831, curate of this parish. Here is, also, a small church in the Gothic style; the roof of the latter edifice is a solid arch, and the walls and ceiling in the interior form a continued vault, from which springs the spire. What is now called the castle here, was formerly the seat of Sir

William Yorke, Baronet, and afterwards a school. It has been modernized almost out of all its interest, but, in some respects, still presents an antiquated aspect. There are at this locality, a Sunday and day-school, attended by about forty, and a parochial school by about 150 children of both sexes. The National Board give £25 annually for the maintenance of the latter. Lord Palmerston and Mr. Montmorency are the chief proprietors in fee of this village, which forms, with Miltown, a union in the Roman Catholic arrangement.

In 1611 Lord Howth suffered a recovery of Meynsrath, *alias* Rathmines, Scollardstown, Knock-Athfallan, Speckleston, Galanston, Hodgeston, Terrelston major, Terrelston minor, &c.

In 1642 the Irish confederates took this town, and burned part of the suburbs of Dublin, where an epidemic sickness was then raging violently,\* and here in August, 1649, Ormonde sustained a signal defeat from the republican General Jones, who made an unexpected and successful sally, in which, according to one account, 4000 of the royalists were killed, and 2500 taken prisoners. Their artillery and baggage were lost, and the marquis himself escaped with much difficulty. Ormonde's army amounted to 19,000. Soon after his defeat, the marquis wrote to Jones, desiring that he would send a list of the prisoners he had taken. In the pride of his success, the victor returned the following laconic answer:—"My Lord, since I routed your army, I cannot have the happiness to learn where you are, that I may wait upon you.—MICHAEL JONES." Ormonde, upon this occasion, incurred the marked censure of the confederates assembled at Jamestown, who insisted that the defeat was attributable to the faithlessness, ignorance, or cowardice of some of his officers. His defence to this charge occupies three folio pages in Walsh's Remonstrance, (App. pp. 110, &c.) but does not seem satisfactory. According to the

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\* Clanrickard's Memoirs, p. 266.

marquis's own account, "Jones slew 600 in that engagement, some on the spot and in the pursuit, but the greatest part after they had laid down their arms upon promise of quarter, and had been for almost an hour prisoners, and divers of them were murdered after they were brought within the works of Dublin." This sudden and unaccountable defeat, as Dr. Curry remarks,\* renewed in the Irish all their former suspicions, that his Excellency had still some private understanding with the English rebels, and those suspicions were increased by the constant ill-success of all his subsequent undertakings against their partisans in Ireland. See further as to this engagement at "Baginbally." Ludlow says that Rathmines was at this time compassed by a wall about sixteen feet high, and enclosing ten acres of ground. No traces thereof are now discoverable, much less of those ancient forts, which gave name to this and the two ensuing localities.

At the extremity of the town, a road leads at right, in full view of the Dublin mountains, through the swelling villas of

## RATHGAR.

There are quarries here, as also at Roundtown and Crumlin, which yield calc. with its accompanying black flinty limestone. In all those, the limestone is highly inclined, and yields other indications of disturbance. At the adjacent edge of the Dodder are the cotton works of Mr. Waldron, where about 100 persons get daily employment. The works are set in motion by a steam-engine of thirty-horse power, and a water-wheel of equal force.

By an inquisition of 1533, it appears that the nunnery of St. Mary de Hogges was seized of 90A. arable, and 3A. underwood

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\* Hist. Rev. p. 245.

in this townland, which were granted to Nicholas Segrave in fee. A subsequent inquisition finds John Cusack seised in fee of 120A. here, which, having been confirmed by patent of 1609, descended in his family to the last century.

After the battle of Rathmines, before alluded to, a large body of Lord Inchiquin's foot soldiery took refuge in the groves of Rathgar, where, after some parley, they obtained conditions for their lives, and the next day, according to Ludlow, most of them took up arms in the republican service.

In 1700 Robert Cusack claimed, and was allowed a remainder in tail in Rathgar and other lands, forfeited by Nicholas Cusack, the heir of the above-mentioned John.

Crossing the Dodder by a ford, and proceeding along its southern bank towards Rathfarnham, a splendid gateway at left, accounted among the best productions of that species of architecture in Ireland, invites the tourist to explore the once beautiful grounds of Rathfarnham Castle, but they are now all eloquently waste, the undulating hills covered with rank herbage, the rivulet stagnant and sedgy, the walks scarce traceable, the ice-houses open to the prying sun, the fish-pond clogged with weeds, while the mouldering architecture of the castle, and the crumbling, unsightly offices in its immediate vicinity, even more loudly proclaim those evils of absenteeism, which have so little application to the state of other countries, that they appear the paramount—the exclusive curse of this.

The castle, so long the residence of the Loftus family, and still the property of the Marquis of Ely, subject, however, to a small chief rent to Mr. Conolly, is an extensive fabric, in the style termed modern Gothic; “an appellation,” as Brewer observes, “by



no means improperly applied to an edifice, in the design of which, Grecian and embattled architecture are licentiously mingled." The great hall is entered from a terrace, by a portico of eight Doric columns, which support a dome, painted in fresco with the signs of the Zodiac and other devices. This room was ornamented with antique and modern busts, placed on pedestals of variegated marble, and has three windows of stained glass, in one of which is an escutcheon of the Loftus arms, with quarterings finely executed. Several other apartments exhibited considerable splendour of arrangement, and contained, until lately, numerous family portraits, and a valuable collection of paintings by ancient masters.\* But, when it is mentioned, that this structure has been for years a public dairy, and the grounds to the extent of 300 acres converted to its uses, some notion may be formed of their altered condition.

A direct avenue leads from the castle to the village of Rathfarnham, through an ugly, lofty gate, opposite which is a handsome seat, that had been the residence of the late Baron Smith. Entering the village of

#### RATHFARNHAM,

a short lane at the right leads to the first objects worthy of attention, the ancient church and church-yard. The former exhibits some interesting remains, in the midst of which, beneath an uninscribed monument,

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\* Brewer's Beauties of Ireland, vol. ii. p. 210.

lies the late Archbishop Magee, with several of his family; near it, and also within the ruins, is another to the family of Hodson. In the surrounding graveyard are monuments of the Shaws, the Constables, the Hepenstalls, from 1710, Lord Avonmore, Miss Leslie, (daughter of the Bishop of Elphin), who died in 1834, &c.

On the day of visiting this locality the broad glare of sunshine rested on its monuments, and the summer insects were busy in its melancholy vegetation; and above all a fine peacock, that had escaped from the demesne of Baron Smith, was perched upon the gable of the ruined church, over which it expanded the splendours of its feathery tail, like that bird of Indian skies that frequents the funereal monuments of the native princes; or rather, when it threw out its shrill notes, it seemed the triumphant herald of vanity and ephemeral gaudiness to those who slept beneath, whose days of pride were past, and whose emblems of pageantry had melted from their dissolving forms.

Beyond this, also at right, is the new church, adorned with a fine steeple. In it are some mural monuments, one to Lord Avonmore, who died in 1805, some to the Yelverton family, one to Colonel Manley, who died in 1808, and another to Lady Shaw, wife of Sir Robert Shaw, who died in 1831, and to their daughter.

The village presents a lengthy succession of decayed houses. In it Lady Harburton has a school attended by about forty children, there is also a national school maintained by an allowance of £10 per

annum and attended by about ninety boys, while the female children of the poor receive gratuitous education at the adjacent nunnery of Loretto, for which object the National Board allows £10 annually. A dispensary was established here about forty years since, and near the bridge is a woollen factory kept by Mr. Murray, and employing about fifty persons. There are also paper and corn mills near this, which are worked by the respective waters of the Dodder and the Cruagh rivers that unite at this locality.

The parish contains 2781A. 3R. 35P., in ten townlands, with a population of 4573 inhabitants, of whom 3549 have been classed as Roman Catholics. It ranks as a chapelry in the corps of the archdeaconry of Dublin, and has compounded for its tithes at £290 15s. 4½d. per annum. The fee is chiefly in the Connolly family, and the acreable rent may be said to vary from £8 to £10 per annum; a cabin without land bringing from £4 to £6, and the weekly wages of labour being 7s. 6d. In the Roman Catholic arrangement this union comprises Crumlin and Bornabreena, at each of which places there are chapels. Several handsome villas abound in this vicinity, and close to it, at a place called Loretto, is a nunnery of the institute of the Blessed Virgin, before alluded to, with a school attached, where about 100 female children receive education.

Rathfarnham was one of the chapelries subservient to the mother church of Taney, and is so termed in Archbishop Allen's Registry. The original lord of this district and patron of the church was Milo le Brett. It was united, however, in early times to the corps of the archdeaconry of Dublin, and as such pos-

sessed by William de Northfield, who had a contest with the prior and convent of the Holy Trinity relative to tithes, that was finally settled by Archbishop Luke, who decreed in favour of the archdeacon, but with a reservation of two townlands or the annual pension of twelve marks in lieu thereof.

At the close of the twelfth century Helena, the widow of William de Waville, confirmed to the economy of St. Patrick's a mill, which her husband had built on the Dodder near this town.

In 1240 Archbishop Luke granted the church with its appurtenances to the convent of the Holy Trinity, a grant which Pope Innocent the Fourth confirmed in 1244, with the addition of the church of Tallagh. It was, however, arranged about the same time that the said tithes should be the sole and separate property of the Archdeacon of Dublin, he paying twelve marks therefor to the said convent.

In 1269 occurs a grant from Walter le Brett of half a carucate of Rathfarnham to Richard de Tathcony, which his son William subsequently conveyed to John de Hatchel; the manorial rights, however, remained in the Brett family down to the fourteenth century. See a notice at "Taney" in 1330. An inquisition, taken about the year 1334 states, that William, the third Earl of Ulster, then lately deceased, was in his life-time seised of a water-mill with certain pasturages here, and of £12 13s. 4d. issuing out of five townlands in the burgages of Rathfarnham.

In 1356, in consequence of an expected invasion of the county of Dublin by the O'Byrnes, John, the son of Geoffrey le Brett, was commanded to defend the Pale at his manor of Rathfarnham, with his men well armed and appointed. In 1403 the king committed to James Fitz William the custody of the manor of Rathfarnham, during a minority of the right heir,\* and in 1422 the custody of two parts of this manor was similarly granted to Thomas Hall.†

An inquisition of 1547 finds the possessions of the Archdeacon of Dublin here, as one messuage and eleven acres of land, and defines the extent and value of his tithes. The inquisition adds that the demesne lands, altarages, and oblations of the rec-

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

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tory were assigned to the curate for his stipend, he paying to the Archdeacon of Dublin 26s. 8d. annually. It is to be observed, that a report of 1660 extends the Archdeacon's rights here to four messuages and twenty acres, which, however, it specifies as "then concealed." On the suppression of St. Patrick's cathedral the tithes of this parish were leased to Sir John Allen.

In 1580 the celebrated Henry Usher was Archdeacon of Dublin and consequently Rector of Rathfarnham, Taney, Donnybrook, and Kilgobbin, being the corps of his dignity, and in 1593 Barry Viscount Buttevant, to whose family Rathfarnham had passed by marriage with the heiress of the Bretts, sold this denomination to Archbishop Loftus who erected a castle here. It continued in his family during several years, and in 1685 gave title of baron to Adam Loftus, who was afterwards killed at the siege of Limerick.

For a notice in 1603, see the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin." The regal visitation of 1615 states the rectory as appertaining to the Archdeacon of Dublin, that Robert Pont was curate there, and that the church and chancel were in good repair. An inquisition, taken two years afterwards, finds that Sir Dudley Loftus died in 1616, seised of a castle or manor-house here, one stable, forty tenements, forty gardens, and three and a half carucates of arable land, and also of 40A. of meadow, called the Church Land in Rathfarnham, a castle and 100A. in Killanenan, a castle and 64A. in Knocklyne, a castle, five tenements, and four carucates of land, with the tithes thereof, in Timothan, &c.\* which he held of Peter Talbot of Oldcourt and Knocklyne.

In 1628 Sir Laurence Parsons, then one of the Baro of the Exchequer, died here.

About the year 1641, at which time a garrison was held here by Sir Adam Loftus in order to protect the city from the O'Byrnes and O'Tooles, an explosion of gunpowder occurred in the castle of Rathfarnham, which nearly proved fatal to the celebrated John Ogilby, a Scotchman, who came into Ireland in the service of the Earl of Strafford, by whose favour he was made master of the revels in Ireland, and built a small play-house in

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

Werburgh-street. He lost, however, all his acquisitions on the breaking out of the disturbances, left Ireland, and going to Cambridge, "became such a master of Latin and Greek, that he translated Virgil and Homer, paraphrased *Æsop's Fables*," &c. In 1662 he returned to Ireland, where he was again created master of the revels by patent, and built a noble theatre in Dublin, at the cost of £2,000. He subsequently published various geographical works and atlases, and died in 1676.

In 1649 Rathfarnham was stormed by the Marquis of Ormonde, who made all the garrison prisoners.\*

In 1665 the king presented Henry Dodwell to "the rectory."

In 1670 the celebrated actor Wilkes was born here. He was the grandson of Judge Wilkes, who, in his day, raised a troop of horse at his own expense for the service of King Charles the First, and on the utter ruin of the cause in which he had embarked took refuge in Ireland. His descendant, here noticed, received a liberal education, and was chief clerk to Secretary Southwell. He subsequently appeared on the stage at Dublin, and in 1698 at London, where he was accounted one of the best performers of the day. In 1711 he paid his last visit to his native country, and, on the boards at Smock-Alley Theatre, personated the character of Sir Harry Wildair with great applause for nineteen successive nights.

For a notice in 1680, see at "Taney." In 1695 died Dudley Loftus, the descendant of the archbishop. He was born here, and educated partly in Trinity College, Dublin, and afterwards at Oxford. He returned to Ireland at the time of the troubles of 1641, when his father entrusted to him the defence of this castle. He was afterwards made one of the Masters in Chancery, Vicar General of Ireland, and Judge of the Prerogative Court and Faculties, all which places he held to the time of his decease. He was a great linguist, and especially versed in the oriental tongues, but withal so improvident and unwise, that one well acquainted with him said, "he never knew so much learning in the keeping of a fool." He left behind him several works and translations on philosophy and divinity, as enumerated by Ware, (*Writers*, p. 254, &c.) He also published, under the name of Philo-Britanicus, a book asserting that it was inconsistent with the English

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\* Carte's *Life of Ormond*, vol. ii. p. 79.

government, that the Irish rebels should be admitted to their former condition with impunity, a proposition which he laboured to support by arguments "drawn from principles of law, policy, and conscience." He also wrote, when Judge of the Prerogative Court, a defence of the first marriage of Catherine Fitzgerald, contracted, *in facie ecclesiæ*, with John Power, Lord Decies, and likewise published "the History of the Invention of the Cross of our Saviour," &c. &c. For a notice of Rathfarnham in 1697, see at "Tallagh." In 1723 Philip Duke of Wharton, Marquis of Malmesbury and Carlow, having previously acquired the Loftus estate here, by marriage with Lucia, the daughter and heiress of Adam Loftus, Lord Lisburn, sold, in consideration of £62,000, to the Right Honourable William Conolly, the castle, manor, or lordship of Rathfarnham, Ballintaggart, Ballycragh, Bannochmore, Whitehouse farm, Stoughton's farm, Old Orchard farm, Little Newtown near the river Dodder, Old Court, Killauenan, Stagonny, Butterfield, Ballyroan, Knocklyne, Timon, Grange of Balgeeth, *alias* Harold's Grange, Great Newtown, *alias* Cruagh-naclogh, Cruaghnatemple, Woodtown, Kilnemanagh, the prebend of Timon, &c. and all and singular, the great and small tithes of the lands of Timothan and Grange, and sundry other premises, all situate in the county of Dublin, and a chiefry of £25, payable out of the lands of Kilgobbin, and all other the estate and inheritance of the said duke therein, with all courts, fairs, markets, royalties, &c. thereto appertaining. Mr. Conolly, having so acquired this property, charged the manor and lordship of Rathfarnham in 1733, with an annuity of £250, for the support of a charity school which he had founded near Celbridge.

In 1738 Dr. Sheridan, the friend of Swift, died here. In 1752 Richard Wetherall devised certain lands and properties, for the purpose of building a grammar school here and paying a salary to the school-master; the intention has, however, never been carried into effect, although a suit was instituted in 1788 for the proper application of the bequest.

In 1754 the bridge here, which was one arch of 100 feet in width, was carried away in a flood.

In 1783 parliament granted £400 for rebuilding the church, while an order of council of the following year authorized the

change to the present site. In 1801 a dispensary for sick poor was established here, on the basis, that subscribers for one guinea per annum should have a right of keeping one patient on the books, and for every other guinea a similar privilege, and that any labourer, losing his employment by sickness, should have not only medical relief, but be likewise allowed three shillings per week during his illness or incapacity for work.

Near this, at the commencement of the Military Road, the junction of the granite and micaceous schist may be observed, and Doctor Rutty considered that slate abounded in the whole tract of country hence to Blessington. South of this village, in the mountains adjoining Montpelier and Kilmashogue, are turf-bogs covering three or four square miles. Great parts of these mountains have an irregular surface and great acclivities, and are in many places covered with rocks and stones, so as to render them nearly useless for any purpose, except planting the crannies of the rocks with seeds of hardy trees.

The road sides about Rathfarnham exhibit *sagina apetala*, small flowered pearl-wort, flowering in May and June; *ranunculus hederaceus*, ivy crow-foot; *coronopus Ruellii*, swine's cress, flowering from June to September.—On the river side grow *meum fœniculum*, fennel; *saponaria officinalis*, soap-wort. On the walls *valeriana sylvestris minor*, lesser valerian; *osmunda crispa*, stone-fern.—In the wet meadows above the town, *licciola pilosa*, hairy wood-rush; *chrysoplenum oppositifolium*, opposite leaved golden saxifrage, flowering from May to July; *pedicularis sylvatica*, dwarf red rattle; *cnicus pratensis*, meadow plume thistle, flowering in July.—Over



Marlay, *stellaria graminea*, lesser stichwort ; *geranium molle*, soft crane's bill ; *saponaria officinalis*, common soapwort, so called as making a lather with water. On the way to Kilgobbin is seen *ophrys muscifera*, fly ophrys ; and on the road sides between this and Roebuck, *tanacetum vulgare*, tansy, having an aromatic smell and bitter taste, and flowering in August. In this course lies the nunnery of Loretto, where a powerful reminiscence of the old monastic habits was suggested, by the groups of paupers that crowded round its gates, and received their daily *sportula* from its inmates.

Proceeding from Rathfarnham, at right, the Roman Catholic chapel of the parish is seen on the brink of a little rivulet that falls into the Dodder. The edifice is cruciform, with galleries disproportionately low. Passing this, and turning to the left, a pretty road leads, beside the same rivulet and the flour mills of Mr. Egan, to the much praised demesne of Marlay, so denominated from the prelate of that name to whom it formerly belonged, as it now does to the La Touche family, the Right Honourable David La Touche having married the daughter of the bishop. It is one of those monopolized places that require such a canvass for admission, as the strongest curiosity can scarce condescend to prosecute. There is a cemetery for the sect of the Moravians in this townland. Beyond it, a little to the left, are the pretty grounds of Glen Southwell, otherwise called the little Dargle, the residence of Mr. Ponsonby. The antiquarian, if he can enter,

for it is within the infection of exclusion, will see a very remarkable Brehon chair here, surrounded by most venerable thorns. This relic is composed of three large upright granite slabs, the two sides being about eight and a half feet high, the back seven. There is no stone where the seat should be, but a very large one lies beside it, resting in an inclined position on smaller ones. Between this and the little river that flows through the demesne, is the small ruin of a tower, and detached walls adjacent, evidently denoting the chapel of the Grange, as this anciently was. Independent of these antiquarian remains, this scene has its native attractions, the semicircle of groves, the over-hanging eminences, Kil-mashogue, and the Three Rock mountain, the murmuring rivulet, the glen through which it rambles, and the little waterfall, "roaring——like a nightingale." At a short distance hence is the picturesque village of

#### WHITECHURCH.

The religious edifice, from which this locality derives its name, was more anciently called "Alba," or "the church of Balgeeth," and not unfrequently "the church in the marches." It suffered, however, severely in that interval of fanatical delirium, when it was deemed meritorious to accelerate the destruction of all, that past generations had held most venerable and divine. Its ruins are situated in a sweet situation, on an eminence overlooking the

village, the walls are very imperfect, that which divided the aisle and chancel alone remaining; the former measured eleven yards by five, the latter seven by five, the churchyard presents nothing worthy of notice but the old baptismal font, round which a group of children were assembled in thoughtless merriment, and some were gathering primroses among the awful furrows, and the kid, and the goat, nibbled the osiers that were woven over the graves. •

The new church is a very handsome structure with lancet windows, and situated on a splendid eminence, at the opposite side of the village from the old site. Its cemetery is a striking contrast to the old, being well walled in, planted with evergreens, and already exhibiting handsome monuments or funeral enclosures for the families of Mr. La Touche, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Duffy, &c. Near it are two neat parochial schools, supported by subscriptions and sermons in the church, and at present respectively attended by thirty-four girls and twenty-four boys. Cotton mills were formerly kept here by Mr. Jackson, but the edifice is now wholly deserted.

The parish contains 2874A. 2R. 10P., in six townlands, most picturesque and highly cultivated. It constitutes a perpetual curacy in the gift of the archbishop of Dublin, having a population of 1705 persons, of whom 1422 are stated to be Roman Catholics, Mr. Latouche is the chief proprietor.

In 1189 Pope Clement the Third confirmed to the Abbey of the Blessed Virgin (*inter alia*) the church of Balgeeth, which so thence continued annexed to that house; and accordingly, archbishop Allen, in his Repertorium Viride, about the year 1530,

states "Alba or Balgeeth" as appropriate to the abbey of the Blessed Virgin of Dublin, adding that the prior of Christ Church was lord of the temporalities, and John Harold his farmer, while a document of 1541 states the same religious house to be seised of four messuages, 208A. of arable, 60A. of mountain pasture, 3A. of underwood, and seven cottages in the grange, with a water-mill in the marches of Dublin, valued at £13 18s., also the rectory of said grange, annual value £2 13s. 4d., to the said late abbey appropriate. In a few years afterwards (1559) James Flattisbury of Johnstown suffered a recovery of one castle, thirty-eight messuages, ten gardens, 560A. arable, 10A. meadow, 209A. pasture, 8A. underwood, 20A. moor, 200A. furze and heath, with all appurtenances whatever, thereto belonging, in Harold's Grange, Bowdenston, and Killallon, as his right and inheritance.

An inquisition of 1612 finds, that Florence Baron of Upper Ossory, being seised of Harold's Grange, *alias* Grange Montana, *alias* Grange Balgeeth, comprising one castle, twenty messuages, 40A. arable, 60A. meadow, 100A. pasture, 200A. mountain, and 20A. of wood, which he held of the king by knight's service, had with his trustees levied a fine thereof to Adam Loftus for ever, who, in 1614, together with Sir John King, passed patent for a water-mill in Harold's Grange, *alias* Balgeeth, and its water-course, and an annual rent issuing thereout, likewise the tithes of corn of Harold's Grange, *alias* the Grange of the marches, *alias* Balgeeth, annually collected by sixty pecks of wheat and oats, and a chief rent thereout, all parcel of the possessions of the late monastery of the Blessed Virgin, and in the following year, King assigned his moiety to Loftus, as also his moiety of a large portion of Portmarnock.

The regal visitation book of 1615 reports the rectory of White Church improper, as it was in the said Sir Adam Loftus, who took out a fresh patent for all his possessions here in 1618. The visitation adds, that the vicar of Tallagh (Thomas Brake-shawe) was curate there, and that the church and chancel were in good repair.

In 1641 the vicars choral of St. Patrick's had, on their being incorporated, a grant of (*inter alia*) all the tithe hay of the town and lands of Balgeeth. In the confiscations that immediately

succeeded, Walsh of Ballyawly forfeited Edmondstown, 112A. 1R. 20P., which were granted severally to Gerald Archbold, Sir Henry Talbot, and John Borr, while Sir Adam Loftus also forfeited Scholarstown, 187A., and great Newtown, 221A. 2R., all in this parish. A survey of 1654 limits its extent to 1020A., comprised in two townlands, of which 600A. with a castle thereon, were contained in Harold's Grange, the property of Sir Adam Loftus, and valued in 1640 at £120, in 1654 at £240 per annum, while 400A. or four ploughlands were contained in Kilmashogue, the property of John Harold, and having also a castle therein. The latter denomination was valued in 1640 at £100, in 1654 at £150 per annum. The parish is therein stated as bounded by that of Taney on the east and north, Tynekelly in the barony of New-castle on the south, and Rathfarnham on the west; while the civil survey states 1378A. of mountain as within it, surrounded by Dundrum, Grange, Kilmashogue, Glancullen, Jamestown, and Ballyvoly.

In 1688, by an ecclesiastical order, which recites that the cure of souls here had been long unattended to, by reason of the want of income, it was directed that the tithes should be thenceforth paid, as they were to the last incumbent. Immediately afterwards, Lucia, one of the co-heiresses of the Loftus family, marrying Thomas Lord Wharton, he obtained this with sundry other properties of Sir Adam Loftus in her right.

In 1691 the parishes of Whitechurch and Cruagh, with all their tithes, were annexed, *pro hac vice*, to the archdeaconry of Dublin, and in 1716 Hugh Wilson was presented to the respective vicarages of Tallagh, Clondalkin, and Whitechurch. For the subsequent succession to the union, see "Tallagh." For a notice in 1723, see at "Rathfarnham," and for notices of presentations to Whitechurch in 1734, 1740, 1769, and 1784, see also at "Tallagh." In 1810 Andrew Moller of Dublin, merchant, bequeathed all his estate and interest in a certain holding at Whitechurch, in trust, to sell or otherwise dispose thereof, or to pay the yearly profits in moieties, one amongst the United Brethren of London for the furtherance of the Gospel amongst the heathens, and the other for the support of the poor belonging to the congregation of the United Brethren of Dublin.

A fine road, cut on the ascent of a hill, leads hence to the next locality, commanding inconceivably extensive views over almost the whole county of Dublin, the city and the sea extending along the horizon, and the foreground, in summer, carpeted in nature's richest varieties, the blue violets, the speckled daisies, the yellow dandelion and crowfoot, and all kindling under such a sunshine!—In truth, the day of observation for this work was that of the eclipse of the sun (15th May, 1836), and the luminary, during the preceding hours, almost seemed to invest himself with the fullest glory that could vindicate his heat and splendour.

Following the course of the excursion, the village of Rockbrook succeeds; of which, if the gender were applicable, it might well be exclaimed, "*O quantum mutatus ab illô,*" once a scene of prosperous industry, now a village of squalid paupers, by reason of the cessation of the several factories that formerly existed there. A hoarse stream, that murmurs through the rocky valley, gives name to the locality.

At a small distance beyond it is

#### CRUAGH,

an ancient manor, situated on a branch of the Owen-Dugher, and extending over the townlands of Roebuck, Clonskeagh, Ballyslatten, Cantrel's farm, Woodtown, *alias* Ballynakelly, and the adjacent mountains. Here are the ruins of an old church, the length of which was about twelve yards, but the breadth is undistin-

guishable. It is surrounded by a graveyard, which the Ledwiches appear to have marked as their own. A large embattled tower in the centre, with port-holes, was erected as a donjon-keep, whence, in cases of unhallowed violation, it was intended that the friends of the deceased might offer victims to their manes.

Cruagh gives name to a parish, divided from that of Whitechurch by the river Owen-Dugher, and comprising 4460A. 1R. 9P., in five townlands, and a population of 1216 persons, of whom 1039 are Roman Catholics. It is a rectory in the union of Tallagh, the patronage being alternated between the Archbishop of Dublin and the Bryan family. Mr. White of Killakee is the chief proprietor. His seat of that name is a fine mansion, surrounded by a demesne of magnificent mountain scenery, with a glen traversed by a fine rivulet in a bed of rocks. The great military road, which was constructed to open the fastnesses of Wicklow, and which, with that object, was formed to the extent of thirty-seven miles, through a wild, and before then inaccessible district, commences in this parish.

In 1184 Prince John granted Cruagh, with its church, to the See of Dublin, a gift which was confirmed by King Edward in 1337, and by King Richard when in Dublin in 1395.

About the year 1250 Walleran de Wellesley endowed the priory of All Saints with 60A. of land within the manor of Cruagh, which it appears then belonged with other estates to his family, and he gave to the said priory, free common of pasture of wood and of turbary over his whole mountain there, reserving to himself and his heirs, however, the homage of his tenant John

Wodeloc.\* The church was at this time appropriate to the priory of Kilmainham. From the fourteenth century, the Fitz Gerald family were seised of half a carucate in Cruaghnatemple, a carucate in Cruaghnaclogh, Newtown, and Drumreagh, *alias* Ramsland, half a carucate in Tibroden, *alias* Killnasantanbegg, and a carucate in Woodtown, *alias* Ballynakelly, and the hamlet of the same, until all these possessions were confiscated on the attainder of Richard, Oliver, and Walter Fitzgerald, the adherents of their unfortunate relative, "the silken lord." The manor, however, during this long interval, passed, with its appurtenances, through the families of Butler, Wallace, and Finglas, from one of whom it was acquired by the said Richard Fitz Gerald, and forfeited by him with the lands as above-mentioned, and was, thereupon, granted, with its appurtenances, to Peter Talbot, whose descendant and namesake, Peter Talbot, was accordingly found seised in the commencement of the seventeenth century of Cruaghnaclogh, two messuages and one water-mill; Cruaghnatemple, in the county of Dublin, two messuages and 286A.; Woodtown, *alias* Ballynakelly, two messuages and 209A.; Newtown and Tibroden, *alias* Kilmainhambeg, one castle, eight messuages, and 266A.

The regal visitation, of 1615 states the rectory impropriate, that the vicar of Tallagh was curate there, and that the church and chancel were in good repair, but without books, except what the curate brought with him. In the same year Sir John King and Sir Adam Loftus had a grant from the crown of the rectory of "the parish of Cruagh, in Harold's country," parcel of the estate of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.† The lands here were at this time the estate of the above-mentioned Peter Talbot, who demised in 1620 to Patrick Travers, the towns, villages, and hamlets of Cruaghnaclogh and Newtown, "in the parish of Cruagh, in Harold's country," with all houses, lands, commons, turbary, and pasturage on the moors, mountains, and bogs of Cruagh and Tibroden. This Peter Talbot in 1623 assigned all his interests in Cruagh to Adam Loftus of Rathfarnham, having previously levied a fine thereof to his use.

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\* Records in Town Clerk's Office, Dublin.

† Rot. in Canc. Hib.



In 1629 letters patent passed for endowing the several vicarages of Cruagh, Ballyfermot, and Palmerstown, allowing thereto all tithes and perquisites whatsoever, (except the *decimæ garbarum*, or tithe-corn, and except the tithe-corn of Palmerstown,) with all glebe-lands, tenements, &c., and said parishes were thereby united *pro hac vice*, and John Lenox was presented thereto, with the prebend of Geshil in the diocese of Kildare, and a demise to him of the rectory of Palmerstown, with all tithes, &c. reserved out of the endowment, at the yearly rent of £10 10s. In 1634 the rectory was demised to Thomas Cantrell for his life, at the annual rent of £10 10s. For a notice of the manor in 1639, see at "Roebuck."

The Book of Survey and Distribution reports the confiscations in this parish, as Killakee, 234A. 0R. 20P., forfeited by Mr. Luttrell of Luttrellstown; part of Jamesland, 52A. 2R. 0P., by Dudley Loftus; adding, that the other denominations, Creevagh, Woodtown, and Tibroden, with the mountains appertaining thereto, comprised 1159A., and that 2820A. of waste and mountain belonged to the adjacent townlands of the parish. For a notice of Cruagh and its tithes in 1691, see at "Whitechurch," and for a notice of the transmission of the manor and manorial rights, as purchased by Mr. Conolly, see at "Rathfarnham" in 1723.

In 1728 Archbishop King purchased the lay rectories of Cruagh, Ballintemple, and Newcastle, all in the county of Dublin, and collated incumbents thereto, retaining only the patronage. For notices of presentations in 1740, 1769, and 1784, see at "Tallagh."

In 1787 the estate and interest of the Right. Hon. Thomas Conolly here, were, with the aid and sanction of a previous act of parliament, disposed of to Charles Hamilton, Esq., who soon after sold same to the father of the present proprietor, Colonel Samuel White of Killakee.

Returning hence, through the same ruined portion of Rockbrook, the deserted paper-mill of Mrs. Fry is first noticed at left. That of Mr. Pickering succeeds "to tell that yet it lives." The continuing course wears a better aspect, and Mr. Horan's

factory, which employs about thirty-five persons, leads to the more extensive and beneficial concern of Mr. Burke, where about 160, all of whom constitute a village around him, get constant employment throughout the year. Next, at right, occur Mr. Lambert's woollen-works, employing about twenty, as do those of Mr. Sherlock immediately adjacent, while Mr. Read's woollen-mill at Ballyboden gives work to about forty.

A succession of pretty little villas, along the banks of the busy rivulet, guides the tourist back into Rathfarnham, whence crossing to

#### MILTOWN,

the extensive woollen-works of Messrs. Willans are first met with, to which succeeds an establishment of the same kind kept by Messrs. Hodnett, where about eighty are employed, and another (Kennedy's) engaging about fifteen. This village gives title of Earl to the family of Leeson : it formerly exhibited one of the ancient raths now not discernible, and was much frequented by the citizens as a place of recreation and amusement. Its population was returned in 1831, as 673 persons. Here is a handsome seat originally erected by Mr. Jackson, who, having taken an active part in the rebellion of 1798, was obliged to emigrate to America. It is the present residence of Mr. Thompson. Beds of magnesian limestone of a yellowish grey, and a greyish brown colour, occur between Miltown Bridge, and Classon Bridge,

and granite is visible at a short distance, but its contact with the stratified rocks has not been detected. At Windy Harbour, near Miltown, were the silk-works of Mr. Sweeny, now also deserted.

Returning hence to the city, Sandford Church presents itself at left, having adjoining to it three poor schools, male, female, and infant. At the same side, a little off this road, lies

#### CULLENSWOOD,

anciently called, Boscus de Coloniâ, a locality accounted in St. Kevin's parish, and paying its tithes to the economy of St. Patrick's.

Near this 500 persons, a colony of citizens from Bristol, were put to death by the Irish septs in 1209, as they were assembling for amusement on Easter Monday, thence called black Monday; Dublin was soon after replenished by a new colony of Bristolians, who for ages kept up the memorial of this misfortune, by marching out to this place well armed and with a black standard before them, on every Easter Monday, bidding defiance to their enemies.

In 1316, David O'Toole and his sept laid an ambush of a considerable party here, in order to accomplish a similar surprise and slaughter of the citizens; the latter however, issuing out with their black standard, and headed by Sir William Comyn, dealt heavy loss to their opponents, whom they destructively pursued for six leagues. In 1759 the justly celebrated Doctor Bartholomew Mosse died here after a lingering illness. He was the founder and Master of that most charitable institution, the Dublin Lying-in Hospital, the first establishment of the kind in her Majesty's dominions.

## RANELAGH

closes this route, a suburb returned in 1821 as containing 913 inhabitants, and whose population, in the census of 1831, was increased to 1988.

At the back of the town a large mansion, surrounded by venerable trees, has passed through some strange vicissitudes ; once the seat of a Protestant Bishop of Derry, it became subsequently a place of public entertainment, from whose gardens Crosbie made his memorable aerial ascent in 1785, and it is now a nunnery for religious of the Carmelite order, having a school attached, where about fifty children receive a gratuitous education.

## THE EIGHTH EXCURSION,

leaving Dublin through its handsomest and most fashionable squares, Merrion and Fitzwilliam, at once enters the celebrated village of

### DONNYBROOK,

situated within the liberties of the city on the river Dodder, over which it has a bridge, erected in 1832. This place was long celebrated for its annual August fair,—the Bartholomew of Dublin,—but which, in consequence of several riotous and disgraceful results, it has been found necessary to suppress.

At right, entering the town, is the Roman Catholic chapel, a plain structure, beside which is the old church yard, unusually well enclosed. Immediately within its gate, the eye is attracted by a curious monumental pillar, inscribed to the memory of Jane—— born 1790, died 1818, but no otherwise designating the lady. There are here also tombs to the families of Napier, Swordes, Lindsay from 1808; Moulds of Churchtown; Thomas since 1757; Sinnot; an enclosure and monument for Surgeon Colles's family, another for the Reverend Doctor Graves's; a joint

stone commemorative of Droughts, Wilders, and Eustaces; another to Colonel Henry Gore Sankey, who died in 1784; one to Mrs. Hore, died 1786; an enclosure for Mr. Jameson's family, over which lies prostrate the old baptismal font; a tomb for some of the descendants of the Right Honourable John Radcliffe; an enclosure for the family of Thomas Bell, Esq., M. D.; a little mural slate for a child of Alderman Morrison; near which stands a small portion of a wall of the old church, in and at the foot of which are monuments to the Walshes and Taylors from 1769. In other parts of the grave yard are, a tomb to Lieutenant William Galway, died 1827; one to the Holmeses; a monument to Richard William Tighe of Rosanna, who died in 1828; to Denis Doran, Esq. died 1788; to the Right Honourable James and Robert Tynte, ancestors of Sir James Stratford Tynte; to some members of the family of Roberts of Old Connaught from 1796; to George Harkness, and his family from 1774; Donovans from 1751; a large monument to Dr. Robert Clayton, Bishop of Clogher, who died in 1758; tombs commemorating Mrs. Medlicott of Rocket's Castle, died 1826; William Mally of Roebuck, died 1669; Mrs. Nangle, 1767; the D'Oliers; the Maddens of Donnybrook; Mrs. West, wife of the Rev. Matthew West, died 1786; Mrs. Elinor Mac Carty, *alias* Eustace, died 1792; Mr. Ashford of Simmons Court, 1830; the Rev. Doctor Wogan formerly curate of this parish, who was murdered by robbers, about ten years since; the Archers from 1810, &c.

There are schools here on Erasmus Smith's foundation, at which about thirty boys and as many girls are educated. The trustees of that charity allow, between salaries and gratuities, £48 per annum for these. There is, also, a female charity-school maintained here, under the superintendence of the religious Sisters of Charity, who have, adjacent to the village, a fine and spacious establishment for the reception of female penitents. Here is, also, an hospital for persons afflicted with incurable diseases, and near it is a lunatic asylum. In the centre of the village are traces of a curious castellated mansion, modernized. There were formerly cotton and printing-mills erected here, which employed a great proportion of the population; they are now, however, idle, and only about fourteen persons find occupation at the saw-mills of Messrs. Wright and Stanley. Beyond the Dodder is the new church, a modern edifice of the pointed style, with a vaulted roof and lancet-formed windows. Near the river are extensive quarries, in which are numerous strata of calp passing into the ordinary limestone, and containing organic remains.

The parish is in connexion with the city of Dublin, comprises 1701A. 1R. 22P., a population returned in 1831 as 10,394 persons, the Roman Catholics bearing the proportion of two to one, and has compounded for its tithes at £166 3s. per annum, payable to the incumbent. It ranks as a chapelry in the corps of the archdeaconry of Dublin, to which the rectory is inappropriate. The Catholic union comprises, with this parish, part of Taney, and part of St. Mark's, having

chapels here and at Irishtown, a chapel of ease near Baggot-street, and a nunnery chapel at Sandymount. The principal proprietors hereabouts are Lord Downes, the Bishop of Kildare, and Mr. Duffy. The corporation of Dublin have also a considerable portion of land near this, under their grant of the possessions of All Hallows, and which they formerly leased to William Usher for £100 annual rent.

The church of Donnybrook was dedicated to St. Mary, and, although it appears from an award of Archbishop Comyn to have been a member of Taney, was, nevertheless, for a time disunited therefrom, and conferred by Archbishop Luke upon his chaplain, William de Romney. The same prelate reduced it afterwards to the condition of a chapelry, and made it subservient to Taney, and of consequence, to the archdeaconry of St. Patrick's. It has lately been constituted a perpetual cure.

About the year 1174 Earl Strongbow gave Donnybrook (Dovenalbroc), amongst sundry lands to Walter de Riddlesford,\* and in 1204 King John granted to the corporation of Dublin, license for an annual eight day fair here, commencing on the day of the finding of the Holy Cross (3rd May), with similar stallages and tolls as established in Waterford and Limerick. The greater portion of the lands of Donnybrook were at that time the property of Henry de Vernuil.†

Pope Innocent the Third, in the beginning of the thirteenth century, confirmed to the use of the economy of St. Patrick's the tithes of the land so previously granted by King John to the citizens of Dublin.

In 1252 King Henry, by charter, extended the duration of the fair here to fifteen days, and changed the day of its commencement to the 7th of July, which was further altered in 1208 to the 10th of July, and by a subsequent charter fixed to the 29th of August.

In the fourteenth century the Fitzwilliam family were seised of a carucate here,‡ but the manor was in the Powers, one of

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whom, Eustace le Poer, aliened it to the Archbishop of Dublin without the royal license, but was pardoned on account of his great services against the O'Byrnes and the other Irish enemies in Leinster.\*

In 1418 the Prior of All Hallows was seised of certain lands and tenements in Donnybrook and Beldoyle.† For a notice in 1420, see at "Merrion."

An inquisition of 1547 finds the extent and value of the archdeacon's possessions here in tithes, altarages, and oblations (the curate having a stipend), while it states the glebe belonging to the rector as three stangs of arable land. This glebe is defined in a lease of 1684, as adjoining the churchyard of Donnybrook on the north side. For a notice in 1580, see at "Rathfarnham." At the close of this century, a branch of the Barnewalls of Crickstown was settled here.

The regal visitation of 1615 reports the rectory as appertaining to the archdeaconry of Dublin, and that the church and chancel were then in good repair. For a notice in 1666, see at "Kilternan."

A return, relative to the Roman Catholic clergy in 1697, enumerates as those of Donnybrook and Rathfarnham, "Doctor Cruise, titular Archdeacon of Dublin, living in the county of Kildare; Mr. Patrick Gilmore, Parish Priest of Donnybrook and Kilgobbin, living for the most part in the union of Monkstown, and Mr. T. Kelly, before mentioned at 'Tallagh.'" About the same time the corporation of Dublin conveyed their right of holding a fair at Donnybrook to the Usher family. For a notice in 1703, see at "Ringsend."

In 1729 Doctor King, Archbishop of Dublin, was buried here in the north side of the churchyard, and in 1733 the remains of Sir Edward Lovett Pearce, a celebrated architect, and the builder of the Irish parliament-house of his day, were deposited in this grave-yard.

In 1748 Henry Usher granted several denominations of land at Donnybrook, together with the green, to Catherine Downes in fee, excepting and reserving unto said Henry Usher, his heirs

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† King's MSS.

and assigns, the benefit and profit of holding the yearly fair in the usual place on the said green. This right subsequently came by descent to Sir William Wolseley, baronet, by whom it was recently conveyed to Mr. Madden, the present proprietor, who is also the lessee under the Downes family of the fair-green and other lands adjoining.

On the road sides hereabouts the botanist will find *myrrhis temulenta*, rough cow parsley ; *lamium incisum*, cut-leaved dead nettle, &c. : and between this and Miltown, by the mill-stream, *helminthia echinoides*, bristly ox-tongue, flowers in June and July.

A bad and rough, but extremely picturesque road leads hence to Clonskeagh, overhanging the falls of the Dodder, and commanding also enchanting views of the mountains in the distant foreground, peering one above the other to the remotest extent of vision. The tourist here enters upon

#### THE HALF BARONY OF RATHDOWN,

a maritime district, including the most picturesque and highly ornamented portions of this county, and extending over fifty-nine townlands, comprised in ten parishes—Stillorgan, Taney, Whitechurch, Kilgobbin, Rathmichael, Tallagh, Kilternan, Old Connaught, Killiney, and Kill, besides portions of the parishes of Monkstown and Donnybrook. The whole district has been assessed as containing 17,246A. of which 1801 are stated to be waste. The Down Survey marks its boundaries as “the harbour of the

metropolitan city of Ireland, called Dublin, on the north; the sea on the east; part of the baronies of Newcastle and Uppercross, and the other half of the barony of Rathdown on the south; and the liberties of the city of Dublin and the baronies of Newcastle and Uppercross on the west." The other moiety of Rathdown formerly likewise belonged to Dublin, but on the erection of Wicklow into a county, it was annexed thereto on the recommendation of the jury impanelled on that occasion to ascertain the boundaries, and who, after defining those of Wicklow proper, add, "And further we think it meet and necessary, in respect of the infertility, wasteness, and small scope of the said countries and towns, and the incivility of the inhabitants for the most part thereof, that the half barony of Rathdown, lying on this side the river Bray, now bearing with the county of Dublin, be added and adjoined to these countries, lying to them very conveniently within very notable mears, and without which the said countries and towns, as we think, are scarce worthy to be termed a county."

Rathdown also gave name to a very ancient manor or lordship belonging first to the Barnewall, and subsequently to the Talbot family, but forfeited by them during the civil wars. It extended alike over portions now classed in each of the aforesaid counties.

In 1641 the quantity of land forfeited in this half barony was returned as 9641*l*. profitable, and 125*l*. unprofitable, while the church and glebe lands were estimated as 1634*l*.

In 1654, on a minute survey of this district, it was stated to contain twenty-three castles in good preservation, besides the remains of others, and of fortified houses. • The document reports its extent as in length eight miles, in breadth four; and that of its superficial contents, 5945*l*. belonged to Irish Papist proprietors,

1752 to English Protestants, and 1595 to the church. By the Act of Settlement Bernard Talbot of Rathdown was amongst those, who it was thereby declared should be restored to their estates without any proof of innocency required.

Ortelius's map allocates the families of Harold, Wolverston, and O'Byrne within this barony.

#### CLONSKEAGH,

the fee of Lord Trimlestown, and the first locality in Rathdown, is situated in a romantic valley, presenting at right a deserted building, once occupied as the hat factory of Messrs. Wright and Stanley, who have however transferred the works to a more thriving and advantageous situation at Mespil, on the Grand Canal, near Baggot-street, where, and at their concerns in Dublin, upwards of 200 persons are employed. The woollen works of Mr. Baird next appear, employing in the season about twenty persons. Above the latter are iron mills, erected originally on a very great scale by a Mr. Jackson, at an expense of £20,000, having two powerful water-wheels twelve feet in diameter by seven wide, one twelve by five, and a fourth twelve by three, each possessing a head and fall of sixteen feet and upwards, with all befitting apparatus of hammers, cylinders, shears, rollers, bellows, &c., and complete ranges of workshops. The whole interest in this concern was sold by auction in 1834, and it is now the property of a Mr. M'Casky, who employs about ten persons therein.

Passing at right a cumbrous castellated entrance to Miltown castle, the course mingles with a labyrinth

of roads, that, thickly bordered with villas, traverse the ancient denomination of

## ROEBUCK.

The beauty of these avenues is, however, overshadowed by the high walls topped with thick hedges, the close, tall wooden gates and concealed gate-houses, that give the whole a sombre unsocial appearance, Mr. Blackburne's villa opening the only exception to the remark. In one of these awful retreats, and yet more smothered by its own woods, is the modernized castle of the Barnewalls, now the residence of Mr. Crofton.

Soon after the invasion Roebuck, then called Rabo or Raboge, was acquired by the family of le Brun, one of whom Fromund, son and heir of Sir Nigel le Brun, knight, about the year 1315 granted two carucates therein to Reginald de Bernival,\* and by a subsequent marriage of one of the latter race with the heiress of the former, the whole estate, with the denominations appertaining, viz. Clonskeagh, Cantrell's farm, and Ballyslater, passed to the ancestor of the Lords Trimlestown, one of whom in 1534, when Lord Chancellor of Ireland, resided in the castle here. His descendant Robert Lord Trimlestown died in 1639, seised of this manor, described as containing one castle, ten messuages, one water-mill, and 40A. of land, all which were stated to be then held of the manor of Cruagh.†

A survey of 1654 states Roebuck as 360A. arable, 28A. pasture, and 12A. meadow, plantation measure, the inheritance of Matthew Lord Trimlestown, Irish papist, that there were on the premises one castle which was destroyed by the rebels, and one mill in use, and that the tithes belonged to the College of Dublin.

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\* Plea Roll in Berm. Tower.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

In 1663 Matthew Lord Trimlestown was found seised of the town and lands of Roebuck, described as 500a. in the parish of Taney, for which he took out a fresh patent in 1667, but forfeited his interest therein in the war of 1688.

In 1689 the castle was occupied by King James and the Duke of Berwick, when they had their camp in the neighbourhood, since which time it was suffered to fall into decay, until about the year 1790, when Lord Trimlestown repaired it for his country residence.

In the eighteenth century the right to these denominations was considerably contested amongst various members of the Barnewall family, but they are still the property of the present Lord Trimlestown, subject, however, to outstanding leases at low rents and for long terms.

About this locality the botanist will find *meum fœniculum*, fennel; *geranium molle*, soft crane's bill; *trifolium medium*, zig-zag trefoil, a clover of great value for permanent pasture; *picris echioides*, bristly ox-tongue; *carduus marianus*, milk thistle, and in the boggy places between it and Lough Bray grows *andromeda polifolia*, wild rosemary, an elegant little shrub, which rises from six or eight inches to a foot in height, erect and branched.

From Roebuck a delightful ascent leads by the handsome seat of Mr. West, enjoying most extensive views over the western part of the county, with the Dublin mountains filling the foreground. Passing through the little hamlet of Drummartin, where was formerly a castle, and ascending the hill between it and Dundrum, the eye commands a singularly rich grouping of verdant valleys, overlooked by a range of mountains from the Three Rock to Mont Pelier, and enshrining in their heart the little town of

## DUNDRUM,

once much frequented for the salubrity of the air, and the restorative aliment of the whey of its mountain goats.

The new church of the parish is situated on a commanding eminence over the town, embracing not only the views before alluded to of the village and its valley, but also the additional attractions of the city, the bay of Dublin, and the intermediate circuit of a highly ornamented country. It is cruciform, surrounded by a planted enclosure without graves, and has near it an infant school, attended by about fifty children, to whose innocent voices, in the otherwise stilly mountain scene, it is delightful to listen, while they receive their education in simple recitatives according to the mode of these institutions. In the centre of the village is a new Roman Catholic chapel, in which is a monument to the Rev. John Kelly, formerly curate of the parish, who died in 1830. Near it are male and female charity schools, where about fifty of each sex are educated, and for the support of which the National Board allows £16 per annum. On the brow of a lofty hill, at the opposite side of the valley to that on which the new church has been erected, are some still interesting remains of the castle, commanding a not less delightful landscape.

Beds of magnesian limestone, of a yellowish and greyish brown colour, occur in this townland.

At the close of the thirteenth century, Robert le Bagod, ancestor of the Viscounts Fitzwilliam of Merrion, had license to

convey to William, his son and heir, the manor of Dundrum, to hold of the king *in capite* by the services due thereout; accordingly in 1332 Thomas Fitz William was found seised of lands "near Dundrum, lying between Roebuck at the east, and the high road at west, likewise of other lands situated between the lands of Geoffrey de Brett at west, and those of the archbishop at east."

In 1542 Thomas son of Richard Fitz William had livery of seisin of all the manors, &c., of Dundrum and Thorncastle, and all messuages and other possessions in Dundrum, Thorncastle, Ballybot, alias Booterstown and Oveniston. In 1610 Thomas Fitz William suffered a recovery of Booterstown, two messuages, and 140A., Dundrum one castle, six messuages, and 200A., and of the rectory of Kilternan; a castle and 50A. in little Bray, Ballintire, one messuage and 40A. a watermill, &c., all which he held of the king *in capite*.\*

A survey of 1654 states the denominations of Dundrum and Ballinteer as comprising 500A., of which 300A. were arable, 180A. mountain and bog, and 20A. meadow; that they had been the property of Colonel Oliver Fitz William of Merrion, who had acted in the Irish army as major general; that there were on the premises a slated castle, and a small churchyard; that the lands constituted a manor with courts leet and baron; and it erroneously adds, that the tithes belonged to the College of Dublin.

In 1666 Oliver Earl of Tyrconnel had a grant of Dundrum, with Ticknock and Cheeverstown parcels thereof, 910A. statute measure, in Owenstown 161A. &c., to hold in free and common socage. In 1816 the dispensary was established, and in 1830 one of those incipient institutions for inculcating the rudiments of economy and punctuality, a savings' bank, was opened in this village.

Immediately adjoining Dundrum, and indeed almost identified with it yet separated by a small glen and rivulet, is

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.



## CHURCHTOWN,

a townland more especially appertaining to the see of Dublin, and on which was situated the old church of the parish, now converted into a school, attended by about thirty boys.

In the consecrated ground, that encompasses it, are monuments to the M'Caskeys of Roebuck, the Atkinsons of Ely-place, the Ponsonbys, the Minchins of Woodville in the county Wexford, the Lesleys, the O'Briens, the family of Baron George, the Reynoldses from 1736, the Merritts from 1773, the Turbetts of Greenmount, the Brides, Creeds, Roes, Monserrats, Croftons of Roebuck, Barneses, Johnstons; a monument to Lieutenant Colonel William Cowell of the 42nd Royal Highlanders, who died in 1827; another to Colonel Hart and his family; a very handsome sarcophagus to Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill, formerly of Harcourt-street; and a fine headstone and enclosure for the remains of William Haliday, the most promising Irish scholar of modern times, and who added to the knowledge of his native tongue a great proficiency in other languages. He died in 1812 in the twenty-fourth year of his age. The grass within this consecrated spot was thickly spangled with daisies, the wild bee was humming over it, and, in all the tyranny of a sultry sunshine, it was a melancholy musing to stand under the shelter of that tall monument, and to think, that beneath it lay one whose early acquirements justified hopes for the illustration of Irish literature, that unfortunately he

lived not to realize. Beside him now lie the remains of his brother, Doctor Daniel Haliday, recently deceased, who was, at the period of his dissolution, engaged in tracing up the memoirs of the Irish Brigades in the French and Spanish services. He died in Paris, and was interred in Pere la Chaise, whence the body has been removed hither by his surviving brother, Mr. Charles Haliday. At the foot of the burial ground is a female charity school for girls, attended by about thirty, and near it is a repository, established for selling goods to the poor at moderate prices payable by easy instalments.

About Dundrum the botanist will find *geranium molle*, soft crane's bill; *solanum lethale*, deadly nightshade.—In the hedges *viburnum opulus*, guelder rose, flowering in June and July, a species to which appertains the snow-ball tree, well known in gardens and shrubberies; *spiræa salicifolia*, willow leaved spiræa, flowering rose coloured in July.—In the heathy grounds, *teucrium scorodonia*, wood germander; *orobus tuberosus*, heath pea.—In the fields and rocky grounds beyond it, *linum angustifolium*, narrow leaved flax; *stellaria holostea*, greater stichwort; *lothospermum arvense*, corn gromwell; *brassica campestris*, common wild navew; *saxifraga trydactylites*, rue leaved saxifrage, flowering in the early spring; *stellaria graminea*, lesser stichwort; *tormentilla officinalis*, common tormentil; *hypericum pulchrum*, upright St. John's wort.

In the mountains and marshy grounds above the village, *festuca ovina*, sheep's fescue grass; *veronica*

*chamædrys*, wild germander ; *luciola congesta*, bog wood rush ; *reseda luteola*, yellow weed ; *fumaria claviculata*, white fumitory, a variety of the *vicia sepium*, or common bush vetch, with white flowers ; *hypericum humifusum*, trailing St. John's wort ; *lepidium Smithii*, smooth field pepperwort ; *agrostis canina*, brown bent grass, an early and elegant plant of a delicate pale green colour ; *montia fontana*, water blinks ; *pinguicula lusitanica*, pale butterwort ; *myosotis cæspitosa*, tufted water, scorpion grass flowering in May and June.—Between this and the Scalp, *arum maculatum*, cuckow pint ; *arabis thaliana*, common wall cress ; and on old walls between this and Rathfarnham grows, *sedum rupestre*, rock stone crop.

It may be also remarked, in reference to the ornithology, that a rare species of lark, *alauda cristata*, has been more than once observed here, being that which Buffon describes as “ le cochevis ou la grosse alouette huppée.”

The parish in which Dundrum and Churchtown are situated, is sometimes called by the name of the latter, but is more properly denominated

## TANEY.

It ranks in the deanery of the same name, comprises 4562A. 3R. 36P. in twelve townlands, and has compounded for tithes, at the annual sum of £415 7s. 8d. In 1831, its total population was returned as 4020, of whom 2957 were Roman Ca-

tholics. The rectory being annexed to the corps of the archdeaconry of Dublin, Taney accounts as but a curacy. In the Roman Catholic division, part of the parish is in the union of Donnybrook, part in that of Kilgobbin, and a third part in that of Booters-town.

Previous to Cardinal Paparo's Synod in 1152, Taney was a rural bishopric, but in 1178, Archbishop Laurence O'Toole confirmed it to Christ Church, under the description of the town of "Churchtown, with the grange of Clonkene;" and in 1216, Pope Innocent the Third grafted to the See of Dublin (*inter alia*) Taney with its appurtenances. Soon after which Archbishop Luke granted the church to the Archdeacon of Dublin, in exchange for that of Lusk, theretofore part of the corps of the archdeaconry. This church was then the head of a rural deanery of great extent, to which were subservient the chapelries of Donnybrook, Kilgobbin, and Rathfarnham. For a notice in 1227, "See Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin."

About the year 1330, Archbishop Alexander enfeoffed Redmond Hacket in 85A. at Taney, between Dundrum and the lands of Geoffry de Brett at Rathfarnham,\* and at the same time demised to Thomas Locke, 24A. here, with a covenant that said Locke should build thereon a stone house of prescribed dimensions, entrenched and embattled.

In 1546, this parish was rated to the First Fruits at £19, while an inquisition of the following year defines the archdeacon's possessions therein, with the extent of the tithes; the demesne lands altarages, and oblations of Taney being assigned to the curate for his stipend. At this time there were six acres of glebe annexed to the benefice, lying to the east and south east of the church. During the suppression of the cathedral of St. Patrick's, this parish was leased to Sir John Allen, Knight. For a notice in 1580, see at "Rathfarnham." The regal visitation of 1615 returns the church and chancel as then in good repair

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\* Allen's Regist. M. S.

A Survey of 1654 states that Sir William Usher, Knight, an English Protestant, held 60A. in Churchtown, as his inheritance, while eighty-eight other acres there belonged to the Archbishop of Dublin, and erroneously adds that the tithes of all were payable to the College of Dublin. This survey, it is to be observed, limits the extent of the parish to 1507A. contained in eight townlands.

## BALLINTEER,

otherwise Cheeverstown, succeeds in the course of the excursion.

It was anciently the estate of the Walshes of Carrickmayne, from whom it passed to the Fitzwilliams. For notices of this locality in 1603, see the "Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin," and in 1610, 1654, and 1666, see at "Dundrum."

Beyond Ballinteer, on the road to Cruagh, a by-road leads to the little Dargle, a scene of much beauty as before particularly mentioned. On the thatched cabins in this direction, the botanist will observe *corydalis claviculata*, white climbing corydalis, a very delicate plant with pale yellow flowers. In the line hence to Rathfarnham, the tourist may also see the Priors, so long the residence of the celebrated John Philpot Curran, and so designated from himself having been the prior of a convivial society, called the Monks of the Screw. Among the members of this association were Lord Charlemont, Lord Mornington, Barry Yelverton, afterwards Lord Avonmore, the Marquis of Townsend when Viceroy, Grattan, Doctor O'Leary, Judge Johnson, Hussy Burgh, and many others of distinguished abilities.

Beyond Ballinteer, in the line of this route, is

## THE THREE ROCKS MOUNTAIN,

a fine eminence, thus designated from so many singular assemblages of such gigantic rocks as no ordinary machinery is capable of raising, yet each of these piles has its prodigious components, resting one upon the other in strange order, and enclosing spaces; two of them are approximated on the highest summit of the hill, the third lying at a distance of about two hundred yards south east. The view from this commanding height, accounted 1585 feet above the level of the sea, extends over a panorama of the Wicklow mountains, Glencullen, Black-mountain, Kilma-shogue, the Park and Wellington testimonial, the city and bay, Slieve Gullion (County Armagh,) Mourne mountains (County Down,) Lambay, Ireland's Eye, Howth, the Pigeon House, Killiney hills, and immediately below, the ruins of the church and castle of Kilgobbin. The three rocks, or rather masses of rocks alluded to, are, like the mountain itself, wholly composed of granite; the two on the summit are steep on the west side and have their angles completely rounded off, while on the east they slope gradually into the ground and their projecting parts are sharp. The third has its angles but slightly rounded and is rather steep on all sides.

In the botanic department, this mountain presents, as may well be supposed, an interesting field of inquiry. In the marshy grounds, at its base, are seen, *viola palustris*, marsh violet flowering in June; *pedicularis sylvatica*, dwarf red rattle, flowering in June,

and a variety of the latter with small flowers ; *hypericum elodes*, marsh St. John's wort, flowering pale yellow in July ; *orchis bifolia*, butterfly orchis, flowering in June ; *orchis mascula*, early purple orchis ; *carex curta*, white sedge, flowering in June ; *carex recurva*, glaucous sedge ; *carex riparia*, great common sedge, flowering in May. While on the hill are found *digitalis purpurea*, fox glove, a beautiful herbaceous plant, much used in medicine ; a variety thereof with white flowers ; *lepidium hirtum*, hairy pepperwort ; *gnaphalium dioicum*, mountain cudweed, flowering in June and July, &c.

The pedestrian will, undoubtedly, not be satisfied with this specimen, but be rather induced further to explore the wild magnificence of

#### THE DUBLIN MOUNTAINS,

a tract extending into the baronies of Newcastle Rathdown, and Uppercross, and which, though running to within a few miles of the city, has been hitherto so greatly neglected, that much of it is in the state in which the Deluge left it. The summits of these eminences are mostly flat, and covered by shallow, compact bogs, the sides clothed with the richest heaths down all their descents, and ferns and furze glowing in their varied hues of beauty, occasionally, too, contrasted by the white forms of bold granite rocks, or the moving foam of waterfalls, that soften into murmuring rivulets, and wander through all the valleys.

This rugged and almost inaccessible tract of country seemed for five centuries a barrier of nature, that English laws or armies could not penetrate, and, while the O'Byrnes, with a vigilance that never slept, maintained the fastnesses of their own territory unaffected by the encroachment of the Palesmen, this, the intervening district, was resigned by both parties as a theatre of hostility, which neither would cultivate nor even inhabit.

There is, however, an association of a more classic nature, which should be the rather recorded here, as it is so little known. How few are aware that their forefathers of the Pale,

“Have seen young Harry, with his beaver on,  
His cuisses on his thighs—gallantly armed,”

careering through these valleys; that amidst these mountains the hero of Agincourt achieved his earliest exploits of arms, and here, beneath the royal standard, received his first order of knighthood from the unfortunate Richard.

A remarkable negotiation, that took place at this period of Irish history, on the banks of one of the rivulets alluded to, has been the subject of a highly interesting illuminated picture, in a very curious manuscript on vellum preserved in the British Museum, containing the history of the latter part of Richard's reign and contemporaneous therewith. It is a singular and apparently a faithful delineation, somewhat misengraved in the title-page of the first volume of Mr. Moore's History of Ireland. In the original, the scene is laid in front of a deep defile between two wooded mountains, at whose entrance full in the view appears a crowded mass of lances, and in their front the young Lord of Gloucester is represented leaning forward on his charger, and cautiously exploring the gap of the mountain, while by his side, Lord Henry of Lancaster (afterwards the illustrious Henry the Fifth) seems to direct the eye and attertion of his comrade to the gallant Mac Murrough, as he breaks forth from the remoter extremity of that wooded avenue. The Irish chieftain is sketched with much richness of colouring, and heroism of attitude. His fiery courser appears clearing the rivulet that was intended to divide the conference, while himself is represented mastering his steed unshaken, though without the use of saddle or stirrups, as



if, like the Centaur, the proud animal he rode were of his own substance. A light pink robe waves over his shoulders, and, while he appears to fling aside his spear with the one hand, he with the other motions back his devoted adherents, whose van is dimly seen in the perspective. His aspect, as he looks towards them, wears a severity that commands obedience, while his fearless confidence is finely illustrated by the uncurbed bound, with which his steed seems darting to the English army.

It is an excusable enthusiasm for the wanderer of this wilderness, to identify the scene of the event, and mingle with the men of other days. Nor was it until sensibly warned of the approach of a mountain storm, that the author of those pages was fain to forego the enjoyment of historic rumination. An hour of awful sublimity succeeded; grey, heavily swelled clouds rose magnificently over the summits of the southern hills, presently they deepened into darkness, only admitting some stray glimpses of sunshine to steal through their skirts into the valley. Again, crushing down even these partial gleams, they arrayed themselves in black masses half down the hills, the air became thick and agitated, streams of vapour filled the lower valley, and, as driven before the storm, almost immediately enveloped the observer in the horrors of an impenetrable mist. Moving insecurely over the mountain tops, in all the mystery of the visitation, like one

“ Who doats yet doubts, suspects, yet strongly loves ;”

at length, leaning in silent, fearful expectation against the mossy rock, it was a welcome, joyous appearance, when the eye of heaven again broke through the

chaos, and the vapour, gradually gliding aside, disclosed, as on the slow withdrawal of a curtain, partial vistas of the scenery which had been previously so estimated in panorama, and all again appeared in full revelation, beaming in the chastened radiance of renovated sunshine. Suddenly, a soft breath of music betrayed the presence of a human being at no great distance, it was but the wild voice of a Jew's-harp touched by the fingers of a mountain boy, yet, in such a scene, and so subdued an hour, the effect was inconceivably magical.

On these mountains the botanist will observe the simple flower *nardus stricta*, mat grass, with its dark green leaves, nor does it exist useless in the great scale of vegetable economy, but often lends its aid to give solidity to bogs by the matted base of the numerous leaves and straws, which rest upon and are not buried in the soil, and thus may it have been designed by nature as one of her agents, in conjunction with *carex*, *scirpus*, *juncus*, &c., and the aquatic tribe of plants, to render the situations in which they delight, in process of time, firm and useful land; that purpose effected, they decay from the soil or are supplanted by better herbage suitable to animal food. There also abound on those heights *jasion montana*, common sheep's bit; *lycopodium clavatum*, club moss, &c.

In the marshy parts *veronica scutellata*, narrow leaved marsh speedwell; *scirpus fluitans*, floating club rush; *scirpus setaceus*, bristle-stalked club rush; *pinguicula vulgaris*, common butter wort; *utricularia vulgaris*, greater bladderwort; *hieraceum pa-*

*ludosum*, succory-leaved hawkweed ; *cnicus palustris*, marsh plume thistle ; *senecio aquaticus*, marsh ragwort ; *anemone nemorosa*, wood anemone ; *drosera rotundifolia*, round-leaved sundew ; *narthecium ossifragum*, Lancashire asphodel ; *triglochin palustre*, marsh arrow grass.—In the mountainous dry pastures, *veronica officinalis*, common speedwell ; *aira cristata*, crested hair grass ; *parnassia palustris*, grass of Parnassus ; *epilobium montanum*, smooth-leaved willow herb ; *botrychium lunaria*, moonwort ; *polypodium fragile*, fine-leaved brittle polypody.

In moist heathy places, *eriphorum vaginatum*, hare's tail cotton grass, one of the earliest grasses ; *eriphorum polystachion*, broad-leaved cotton grass, flowering from April to June ; *juncus uliginosus*, little bulbous rush ; *carex pendula*, pendulous sedge ; *lycopodium selaginoides*, prickly club moss.—In heathy rocky grounds, *aira caryophyllea*, silver hair grass ; *galium saxatile*, smooth heath bedstraw ; *vacinium myrtillus*, bilberry ; *calluna vulgaris*, common ling ; *sedum acre*, wall pepper ; *empetrium nigrum*, crow berry ; *pteris aquilina*, common brake ; *lycopodium clavatum*, common club moss ; *lichen cornucopioides*, radiated lichen ; *vitis idæa*, red wortleberry, a straggling shrub, flowering in May and June. In bog holes, *eriphorum angustifolium*, common cotton grass, the down of which, in Germany and more northern countries, has been manufactured into various articles of dress, paper, and wicks for candles. In some parts of Sweden the peasants stuff their pillows with it, whence it is called

poor man's pillow, but it becomes brittle when dry ; *erica tetralix*, cross-leaved heath ; *erica cinerea*, fine-leaved heath.—By the sides of rivulets and wet rocks, *saxifraga stellaris*, starry saxifrage ; and on calcareous rocks and in their fissures, *lichen immersus*, sunk lichen ; *aira flexuosa*, wavy mountain hair grass ; *cotyledon umbilicus*, navelwort, &c.

Descending from the mountains the pedestrian will resume the high road course of his excursion at

#### SANDYFORD,

in which is an excellent chapel in the T form, which, with the house of the Catholic rector, are handsomely situated within an enclosure tastefully planted. This place gives its name, with that of Glencullen, to the Roman Catholic union, there being chapels in each. The union comprises, according to the ancient divisions, the whole of Kilgobbin and Kilternan parishes, part of Shankhill at the Scalp, and Ballycorus, part of Monkstown at Murphystown, and part of Taney at Ticknock. The hill between this and the next locality commands splendid views of the bay, its islands, and promontories, and all the richness of the intervening district.

#### KILGOBBIN

succeeds, an ancient manor of the Harold, and subsequently of the Walsh families, situated at the foot of the Three Rocks Mountain.

Here are the remains of an ancient castle and church; the former, a fabric of tall and narrow proportions, destitute of outworks, and falling rather under the description of a fortified house, wholly unornamented. The entrances were on a level with the surrounding soil, but the few windows were carefully placed at a considerable height in the rugged walls, the principal part, however, of the structure now lies in mortared masses over its former court. It was erected by the Walshes, and forfeited by one of their descendants in the reign of Charles the First. The Loftus family subsequently acquired it, with the manor, by grant from the crown.

The ruins of the church rather resemble those of a farm-house, they are situated in the centre of an elevated graveyard, which commands the village and even the castle. In the churchyard are monuments to the Trumbles of Woodside, since 1804; the Deakens, from 1721; Millikens, from 1799; Davises, from 1740; Taylors of Harold's Grange, from 1727; Harknesses, from 1794; Mr. Jonathan Sisson of Lucan, who died in 1780; Mr. Robert Young Prior, who died in 1825, and an enclosed monument and mural slab to Georgina, wife of John Hutchinson, barrister at law, who died in 1823. Outside the churchyard is a fine granite cross about ten feet high. The head was circular, enclosing a Maltese formed cross, nearly half, however, of this upper part has been broken off. At the foot of the steep, on which the ruins of the church stand, is a parochial school, having about sixty scholars, and sup-

ported by private contributions and a sermon in the church.

The parish comprises 3257A. 2R. 28P., with a population returned in 1831 as 1149 persons, of whom 1056 were Roman Catholics, and has compounded for its tithes at £150 per annum, the vicar having also a glebe of fourteen acres here as part of his endowment. It has lately been separated from the union of Bray, and constituted a perpetual vicarage united with Kilternan, as hereafter mentioned, in the Roman Catholic arrangement. The parish is classed in the union of Sandyford, but has neither church nor chapel.—The chief proprietors of the soil are Colonel Verner, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Mac Key. Acreable rent varies from 15s. to £5 per annum.

In very ancient times Kilgobbin was a chapelry in the Deanery of Bray, dependent upon the mother church of Taney, and consequently united therewith in the corps of the Archdeaconry of Dublin.

The inquisition of 1547 defines the extent and value of the archdeacon's possessions here, in tithes, altarages, and oblations, the curate being allowed a stipend. Two acres of glebe are therein stated as appertaining to the rectory, which were in 1660 reported as concealed.

In 1578 John Walsh died seised of the castle, town, and lands of Kilgobbin and Jamestown, containing 300A., the hamlets of Ballyedmundduff and Ballybrack being parcels of the latter denomination.\* For a notice in 1580, see at "Rathfarnham."

A record of 1605 states, that the priory of All-Hallows in Dublin was seised of half a carucatg in the townland of Ballyoffrin, *alias* Ballyellis, extending in breadth from the lands of John Harold of Kilgobbin, to those of James Garnet, and in length from

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

the mountain land of said John Harold to the water-course running between his lands and the above half carucate, together with commonage of pasturable mountain for as many cattle as they chose to put thereon.

The regal visitation of 1615 reports the parish as appertaining to the archdeaconry of Dublin, and that the church and chancel were in ruins.

Matthew Talbot of Kilgobbin was one of those for whose head the Lords Justices and Council offered, in 1641, a reward of £400.

A survey of 1654 states this parish as bounded by those of Tully on the east, Kilternan on the south, Taney on the west, and Kill on the north. Its contents, including Jamestown, are therein set down as 700A., of which 200A. were classed as arable, 20A. meadow, and the remainder rocky pasture. It adds, that they were the inheritance of Sir Adam Loftus of Rathfarnham, knight, of the annual value of £280, that there were on the premises a castle, thatched, and the walls of a parish church, and that the tithes belonged to the College of Dublin. For a notice in 1697, see at "Donnybrook."

In 1700 James Mac Donnell claimed a remainder in tail in Kilgobbin and other lands forfeited by Randal Mac Donnell; his claim was, however, postponed, he being a petitioner before the House of Commons. For a notice in 1723, see at "Rathfarnham."

In 1731 a leasehold interest for lives renewable for ever, in the manor, town, and lands of Kilgobbin with all their denominations, was sold in pursuance of the will of Richard Nutley, Esq., who had held them by that tenure.

In 1814 the Board of First Fruits lent £50 for building a glebe-house here, and granted £450 for the same purpose. The glebe-house has been, however, built at Kilternan.

In 1823 Mr. Fitzgerald, bequeathed to the churchwardens of this parish and their successors, six guineas annually, during the term of an existing lease, in trust for the poor of said parish, without religious distinction, and to be distributed in equal proportions at the three festivals of Christmas, Easter, and Whitsuntide. In the following year this parish, theretofore episcopally united to

Bray, was, by act of parliament, (26 Geo. III. c. 81,) separated from it, and united to the adjacent one of Kiltarnan; the glebe and site for a new church were thereby assigned, and the right of presentation was given to the Archbishop of Dublin in one out of three rotations, the vacancies on the two ensuing occasions to be filled by the Archdeacon of Dublin and his successors.

In the marshes about this place the botanist will find *menyanthes trifoliata*, marsh trefoil; *orchis mascula*, early purple orchis.—In the heath and amongst the bushes, *stellaria graminea*, lesser stichwort; *fumaria claviculata*, white fumitory; *orobus tuberosus*, heath pea; *hypericum pulchrum*, upright St. John's wort; *agrifolium* or *aquifolium*, holly, of whose bark bird-lime is made; and, on the boundary walls of the road that passes hence to Kiltarnan, at the base of the Three Rocks Mountain and through the village of Step-aside, may be found *sisymbrium Thalianum*, common thale cress, flowering in April and May.

From the latter place a mountain road at right leads to the wild scenery of

#### GLAN-CULLEN.

The valley that gives name to this locality is traversed by a rivulet, as are the boundary hills by numerous rough passes,

“Contrived a double debt to pay,”

in winter the channels of foaming water courses, in summer of rough and perilous car-ways, by which the villagers bring down granite and turf.

In a commanding situation over the glen is a



Roman Catholic church, erected in 1824, dedicated to St. Patrick, and surrounded by a new burial ground. At a short distance from it is a school, attended by about fifty children, for the support of which the National Board allows £10 annually. Mr. Fitz Simon is the chief proprietor in fee of the Dublin side of Glancullen, a portion (accounted in the county Wicklow) belonging to Lord Powerscourt: the former has a residence here, in which the celebrated Doctor O'Leary is said to have composed some of his works. Arable land in the valley is let at from £1 10s. to £2 per acre, a privilege of mountain commonage being given gratuitously, according to a certain stint, to the tenants of the lowlands.

The summits of the surrounding hills present, on a substratum of granite, large tracts of bog, which, when cut down to the stone, are, after a lapse of a few years, reproduced in situations where no spongy ooze but only natural growth could effect their restoration; the *abies subterranea*, bog fir, is dug here at the depth of three or four feet, and supplies Dublin with an excellent material for lighting fires. This wood is also, according to Rutty, beaten into strings, and combed and spun, when several fibres are twisted together to make ropes, which have the advantage of not being subject to rot as the hempen cords are. The views from these eminences are, as may be supposed, sublime and extensive. One should be particularly visited on account of the singular assemblage of terrific rocks by which it is crowned, and which, wearing the appearance of a battery sur-

mounted by a cannon, has been in a medley combination of English and Irish styled Clough-na-gun, i. e. the stone of the gun. The prospect from this wild eminence commands the two moieties of the barony of Rathdown as mapped below, a panorama embracing the mountains of Tonlagee, Lugduff, Comaderry, Kippure, Lough Bray, a silvered sheet, Glancree Barracks, the Military Road, Wicklow Head, the sea, Bray, Shankhill, Rochestown Hills, Lambay, Ireland's Eye, Howth apparently an island, the shores of Clontarf, the city, &c. The savage character of this spot was, on the day of visit, alarmingly increased by groups, as it would seem, of merciless waylayers, heartless brigands, unexpectedly discovered lying with their muskets half concealed amongst the rocks, but vigilantly watching the whole surface of the moor, and catching every sound of footsteps. A recollection of the calendar happily explained these fearful appearances, it was the nineteenth of August, the day preceding the grouse-shooting in this country, and the objects of alarm were the game-keepers of the several proprietors, guarding the heath haunts of their devoted victims.

A small portion of this townland belonged at a remote period to the monks of St. Mary's Abbey. See at "Kiltarnan," in 1545.

In 1610 Thomas Fitz William suffered a recovery of Kiltarnan and Glancullen, one castle, six messuages, and 200*l.*, and of the rectory of Kiltarnan, &c.\* Nevertheless a survey of 1654 states 300*l.* here as the inheritance of the Lord of Merrión,

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\* Inquis in Canc. Hib.

"Irish papist," while the Book of Survey and Distribution assigns to him but 223A. here.

In 1666 Oliver Earl of Tyrconnel had a grant of 361A., statute measure, in Glancullen and its subdenomination Ballybrack, of which he died seised in the following year,\* and in 1676 the then Lord Fitz William sold his portion of the denomination to Mr. Thomas Fitz Simon of Dublin, ancestor of its present inheritor.

In 1722 Glancullen was united to the prebend of Stagonil in lieu of certain townlands in the county of Wicklow, "to the intent that the respective inhabitants should be better accommodated."

In 1826 Lord Castlecoote bequeathed to the Most Reverend Doctor Murray the sum of £2000 for the benefit of the poor schools of Glancullen, Sandyford, and the adjacent parishes, and directed that same should be paid out of the produce of his personal estate.

A lovely part of Glancullen; a deep, sequestered, wooded vale, watered by a little rivulet, and traversed by sweet, shady pathways to mountain villages, glides into Enniskerry, while a wild road, descending a steep hill, and commanding a most magnificent view of the sea and shore in all its extent from Bray to Dublin, precipitates the tourist from the present locality into the village of

#### KILTERNAN,

which, with its paper mills and factory embosomed in trees, its new granite church, and the old one wrapt in ivy and surrounded by elder trees and thorns, all overshadowed by the Three Rocks mountain and the hill of Ballyedmundduff, presents a very

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

picturesque appearance. The new church is however, on nearer inspection, a tasteless edifice, built about ten years, and for whose completion the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have recently granted £181 16s. 8d. It stands in a grassy enclosure, yet undistinguished by a grave, and near it is a handsome glebe house. The cotton factory (Mr. Mosse's) employs four or five men, and about twenty girls, while in the paper mills (Mr. Hely's) about thirty persons are engaged during six months in the year, but the wages in each, as far as the author could learn, is injudiciously and thanklessly settled in goods and provisions principally, a custom which, however well intended in some instances, cannot be sufficiently deprecated.

The rectory being inappropriate in Sir Compton Domville, this parish ranks as a vicarage in the deanery and union of Bray, comprising 3165A. 2R. 26P. Its population in 1831 was reported as 913, of whom 757 were Roman Catholics. In the arrangement of that church, this parish is in the union of Sandymount. Sir Compton Domville is the chief proprietor of the fee; the annual rent of the good low lands is about £4 per acre on modern lettings, but less for the highlands.

This locality was, from a very early period, the estate of the fraternity of St. Mary's Abbey, Dublin, who here had their country residence. In 1539 the abbot of that house demised the village of Kilternan to Walter Goulding of the Grange of Portmarnock, with the tithes of grain and hay thereof, for twenty-one years, and in 1544, after the dissolution, the king, having become seised of the premises, demised them to Walter Pippard of Kilkea,

for twenty-one years, together with the castle, messuages, lands, mills, fisheries, &c., and also the church, chapel, or rectory of Kilternan, with all the tithes and spiritual estate belonging thereto, advowsons excepted; and the same monarch subsequently granted the reversion to Edward Bassenet, Dean of St. Patrick's, the premises being described as "lying on the extreme parts of the English Pale, same having been part of the estate of the lately dissolved abbey of the Blessed Virgin Mary, near Dublin," and this was for a considerable time afterwards the dean's residence.

In 1545 an extent was taken of the townland of Kilternan, with the rectory thereof, as parcel of the estate of the aforesaid religious house. This states its possessions here as three hamlets, called the Old Grange of Kilcullen, Betaghtown, and Ballycakan, parcel of Kilternan. "In the said town," continues the inquisition, is a castle and twenty messuages and cottages, 80A. of arable, 20A. of pasture and moor, and 20A. of underwood, called Glancullen and Manganmactry, 120A. of stony mountain, the said castle, &c., being at the extremity of the English Pale, and adjoining the O'Tooles on the south. The tithes of the said rectory were collected yearly by two couples, and were of the annual value, besides reprises, of 20s. There are no remains of the castle now traceable.

At the close of the sixteenth century, Thomas Fitz William was seised in fee of Booterstown 140A.; Dundrum and Ballintire, one castle, one water-mill, and 240A.; Kilternan and Glancullen, one castle, and 200A.; with the rectory of Kilternan, Little Bray, a castle, and 50A.; Keppock 60A., Owenstown, a castle and 60A., Finntown, 60A., Ballintire, 40A. &c., as also of all the tithes, both great and small, issuing out of the rectory and town of Kilternan aforesaid.\*

The regal visitation of 1615 reports the rectory as impropriate, Eugene Ellis curate, church and chancel in ruins.

A survey of 1654 states the contents of Kilternan and Ballybetagh as 500A., which had been the inheritance of the Lord of Merrion, "Irish papist," that they were valued in 1640 at £80, and in 1654 at £160 per annum; that there were on the premises a castle and the walls of a parish church, and that the tithes be-

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

longed to the proprietor. The Book of Survey and Distribution states the contents of Kiltarnan and Ballybetagh as 722A.

In 1666 Oliver Earl of Tyrconnell was seised of 1169A. statute measure, in Kiltarnan and Ballybetagh; Thorncastle and Booterstown, 285A.; Ringsend 6A., and 212A. near it; Donnybrook, 9A.; Merrion, with the Murroughs appertaining thereto; new Drescan, with its Murroughs, &c.

In 1693 John King was collated to the united parishes of Rathmichael, Kiltarnan, Old Connaught, Stagonil, and Bray. For a notice in 1697, see at "Ballyman."

A pretty hedged road leads hence by Springfield, the handsome seat of Mr. Thompson, at right, and by a large poor school at left, where about ninety children of both sexes are educated on funds provided by the Protestant rector and the neighbouring gentry; thence into the remarkable defile, popularly termed

#### THE SCALP,

one side of which is bounded by the rocky hill of Barnaslingan, in the county of Dublin, the other by the smooth grassy ascent of Killegar, in the county of Wicklow, both eminences being considerably elevated. The old road to Enniskerry ran at the bottom of this sublime chasm, which extends several hundred fathoms in length from north to south, cut across granite and schist, so that their contact may be easily observed, the schistose rocks recline against the granite, and are much contorted. "The schist," says Mr. Stephens, "is here lower than the granite, and its surface is covered with earth and grass; that of the granite, on the contrary, is rugged, and where it is covered with

soil, the vegetation is less luxuriant than that above the schist, so that the boundary can be readily distinguished at a considerable distance. We observed here," he adds, "in the mica slate on the eastern side of the road, the same mineral crystalized in quadrangular prisms, which is so abundant at Killiney, and also indurated talc with a similar substance imbedded in it, and resembling the specimens obtained at Douce."

Even to those, who are unacquainted with the divine intelligences of geology, this scene has constant attraction; while they, who love to see their fellow-creatures happy, may here frequently witness the groups of citizens, in their hours of recreation, chasing the goats from their lowland haunts, like chamois, to the topmost rocks, arraying themselves triumphantly through their aromatic pastures, and, at the approach of sunset, spreading on their tables of sparkling granite viands of more than ordinary relish and enjoyment.

A shady road leads from Kilternan to a wretched village, that yet vaunts the appellation of the Golden Ball, whence a singularly straight avenue, through fields of granite thinly disguised with soil and flowering (in July) with the *epilobium angustifolium*, rose bay willow herb, conducts in view of the Ticknock mills at right, into

#### CARRICKMINES,

a village, the seat of an ancient chapelry, but now accounted a denomination in the parish of Kilternan.

It was formerly a manor and residence of the Walsh family, and is now the fee of Lord Carysfort. Rent rates from £2 to £4 per annum.

In 1178 Archbishop O'Toole confirmed the church of "Carrickmayne," with all its tithes, to Christ Church.

In 1406 John Walsh and David Walsh, of Carrickmayne, gave to Henry Fitz Adam Walsh all the messuages, lands, &c. in Carrickmayne, Ballyroe, and Annodan, in this county, in tail male; and, at the commencement of the sixteenth century, Richard Walsh was seised of Carrickmayne, one castle and 300A. with other adjacent lands.\*

In 1642 Sir Simon Harcourt marched hither to dislodge its Irish garrison. He was shot in the attack and died on the following day at Merrion, the house of Lord Fitzwilliam, whither he had been with difficulty removed. His Lieutenant Colonel Gibson thereupon stormed this castle, and his soldiery "put them all to the sword, sparing neither man, woman, nor child."†

A survey of 1654 states Carrickmines as containing 466A., of which 234 were arable, 200 rocky pasture, and thirty-two meadow; that they were the inheritance of Theobald Walsh, of Carrickmayne, "Irish Papist," who had acted in the Irish army as captain of a foot company; that there were on the premises the walls of a castle and a bawn; that the premises constituted a manor with court leet, and the tithes were payable to Christ Church. There is no trace of the castle now remaining; but a lofty pleasure turret, erected near its former site by a Mr. Barrington, deceives the inquirer.

In 1669 Edward Earl of Meath passed patent for Carrickmines and Ballinroe, 1023A. statute measure; and in 1776 William Mayne was created Lord Newhaven of Carrickmayne.

#### CORNELL'S COURT,

the next place deserving attention, is now the estate of the Misses Byrne, of Cabinteely. The stump of

\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

† Borlase's Irish Rebellion, f. 97.



its ancient castle yet remains, exhibiting the crypted roof of the baronial kitchen, and some other mutilated fragments.

By an inquisition of 1545 it appears, that the abbess of Lis-mullen, in the county Meath, was seised in right of her house of a castle, one messuage, eight cottages, and 77A. here, of the annual value of £2 6s. 8d., while the greater part of the surrounding townland appertained at the same time to the Luttrell family, from whom it passed to that of Cheevers. For a notice in 1546, see at "Monkstown."

In 1640 Henry Cheevers died seised of Cornell's Court, one castle, four messuages, and 60A.;\* while a survey of 1654 states this townland as containing 250A., then the inheritance of Walter Cheevers of Monkstown, Irish papist, that on the premises was a thatched castle, and that the tithes belonged to Christ Church. In 1666 said Walter Cheevers obtained a confirmatory patent of same with other lands.

From Cornell's Court a rather dreary road leads to Stillorgan, the Three Rocks mountain at left alone giving interest to the scene. On the approach, however, to the latter village, a number of handsome demesnes and sequestered villas beguile the way, Mount-Eagle, that of Mr. Grady, with its very handsome gatehouse, being peculiarly attractive.

#### STILLORGAN

may be characterized as a village of the better order, consisting of a street of houses, principally slated. Here was formerly the residence of Lord Carysfort, to whose heir the fee belongs. Annual rent here-

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

abouts varies from £7 to £10 per acre, the ground being chiefly let in building or ornamental lots.

The church is roomy and in good repair. It has no monumental decorations, but in the grave-yard are tombs for the Darleys of Stillorgan, the Goffs, Leslies, Georges of Thornhill, Cornewalls; others to Robert Vance, who died in 1810; Rev. Edward Beatty, vicar of the parish, died 1818; Eleanor, wife of John Malam of the county of Norfolk; Mrs. Griffith, daughter of Chief Baron Burgh, who died in 1820; Captain Warburton of the Royal Navy, died 1828; Bartholomew Boyd Warburton, died 1823; Rev. Robert Ball, Vicar of Drumholm, in the diocese of Raphoe, and Chaplain of St. Matthew's, Ringsend, died 1828; Mrs. O'Ferral, widow of Gerald O'Ferral, died 1832; and a monument of the seventeenth century to Edmund Buller and his wife, &c. At the entrance into this churchyard are poor schools, one for boys, at which about forty-five are educated, another for girls attended by thirty-five, there is likewise an infant school attached. They are all supported by private contributions and sermons at the church.

Near the town, in Mr. Verschoyle's residence, preeminently called Stillorgan Park, is a fine obelisk, 100 feet in height, placed on a rustic base, to each side of which is a double staircase leading to a platform, that commands a fine view of the bay and shores of Dublin.

Stillorgan is a curacy united with that of Kilmacud, the union being of the annual value of £181,

and in the gift of the Dean of Christ Church. The church is, as before mentioned, in this parish, and near it is the glebe-house with four acres of glebe adjoining. In 1834 the population of both parishes was returned as 2145 persons, of whom 1309 were Roman Catholics. The number of these, that rank as labourers, is supposed to be about 240, half of whom have constant employment, and the rest occasional. Mr. Darley has a brewery in the village, and a dispensary was established here in 1828.

The church, according to Allen's "Liber Niger," was dedicated to St. Brigid, and was accounted in the marches, as was also the adjacent church of St. Fintan of Clonkene. In 1216 Raymond de Carew granted the church of "Stacklorgan," with the advowson and the land around it called Athnakill, to the priory of the Holy Trinity. The soil was about this time the property of the Cruise family, a member of which, Sir John Cruise, conveyed it at the close of the fourteenth century to Robert Derpatrick, to hold in tail male.

In 1420 the king committed to William Tynbegh the custody of all the lands here, with the appurtenances, &c., being in the king's hands by reason of the death of said Robert Derpatrick, to hold during the minority of Stephen Derpatrick, his brother and heir, and in 1422 an assignment of dower to Catherine Uriel, the widow of said Robert, gave her, amongst various premises, 2A. of wood near the church, and a third part of the profits of the mill of Stillorgan. The custody of the other two-thirds was at the same time committed by the king to Bartholomew de Bathe during the minority of said Stephen Derpatrick.\* The townland was then accounted "in the marches of the county of Dublin." This place, subsequently, on the failure of the male line of the Derpatricks (as it would seem), reverted to the Cruises, and on the marriage of Marian, daughter and heiress of Sir Christopher

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

Cruise, with Thomas Plunkett, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, passed to the latter family; accordingly, in 1588 Richard Plunkett of Rathmore in the county of Meath, was found seised of 300*a.* here, but his estate therein afterwards passed to William Wolverston,\* whose son James was one of the distinguished individuals that signed the Roman Catholic Remonstrance in 1666.—For a notice in 1697, see at “Boosterstown.”

In 1700 Sir Maurice Eustace, knight, claimed an estate in fee by letters patent and act of parliament in Stillorgan, Leperstown, and other lands. His petition was, however, dismissed.

In 1716 a cavity was discovered here, two feet long, sixteen inches wide, and about fourteen inches deep, the two sides and ends of which were lined with four rude flag-stones, set edgeways, over which was placed a covering of one huge massy stone, that ten men could not lift, lying two feet beneath the surface of the ground. This box contained several fragments of human bones, as parts of the skull, jaws, teeth, some portion of the spine, ribs, bones of the legs and thighs, some of them, particularly a thigh bone very complete, and lying promiscuously disposed within the hollow of the grave, near which, within the same grave, stood an urn containing nothing but loose earth, that accidentally fell in as the workmen were opening the grave.† At the time of the remarkable scarcity of 1741, Lady Pierce caused the obelisk, which adorns this place, to be erected for the employment of the poor.

In 1764 the dean and chapter of Christ Church granted to Beather King, then curate of the parishes of Stillorgan and Kilmacud, and his successors, a convenient portion of the tithes thereof, and also a glebe for his maintenance, and in 1785 the Hon. Chichester Skeffington had his residence here. Stillorgan gives the title of baron to the family of Allen (Viscount Allen.)

The *draba verna*, or common whitlow-grass, abounds on the walls here, as also the *saxifraga tri-dactylotes*, rue saxifrage.

A road branches hence at right, by the fine de-

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

† Ware's Ant. p. 149.

mesne of Sans Souci, to Booterstown, while at left another leads to

## KILMACUD,

once the seat of Lord Redesdale. It stands upon a rising ground, in a pure and wholesome situation, and gives its name to the small parish (286A. 1R. 15P.) in which it is situated; a curacy united with that of Stilorgan, and assessed for its tithes at £42 per annum. The fee of the principal portion is in Mr. Arabin.

The church here was from a very early period appropriated to the convent of Grany, and, accordingly, on the suppression of that religious house in 1539, Ægidia Wale, its last prioress, was found seised of the churches of St. Patrick of Dunabate, Kilmacud, and Bray, appropriated to the said abbey, and demised to Thomas Porsiveck, Rector of Lyons, and John Fitz Simon of Dublin, merchant, with their tithes and other emoluments for the term of sixty years, at the annual rent of ten marks of silver.

In the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries, the Archbold family were seised in fee of the townland of Kilmacud, which they held of Sir Thomas Fitz William of Merrion, as of his manor of Thorn Castle.

A survey of 1654 states this place as comprising 60A. arable, 20A. pasture, and 15A. meadow, formerly the property of Maurice Archbold of Kilmacud, who gave his interest therein to Richard Archbold of Mapas in England, and adds, that the tithes appertained to Christ Church, Dublin.

In 1666 James Duke of York passed patent for the moiety of Kilmacud 75A. plantation measure, which, on his attainder, was granted, with liberty of commonage of 31A., to the Hollow Blade company.

The rail, moaning through a succession of mea-

dows, newly cut down and redolent with fragrance, heralded the course hence to

#### SIMMON'S-COURT,

where, surrounded by ash trees, are found the remains of a castle still exhibiting one arch, with a corner tower having a flight of twenty-eight stone steps to its summit. That summit, once the area of a large room, is now carpeted with weeds and grass, and, as all the apartments, that formerly towered above it, have crumbled away, the fragments of its own walls are thickly festooned with tendrils of ivy and chlematis.

About the year 1178 Archbishop O'Toole confirmed to Christ Church (*inter alia*) this townland, and in 1640 an act was sought, for confirming the possessions of the dean and chapter of that cathedral in this locality, but it was resisted by the Lord of Merion, as prejudicial to his right in a moiety of said lands in fee simple by ancient inheritance, and in the other moiety by lease. The proposed bill was, thereupon, accordingly thrown out.

A survey of 1654 states Simmon's Court to contain 110A., of which eighty were arable, twenty meadow, and ten pasture; that it had been the property of the Lord of Merion, "an Irish papist," and that the tithes belonged to the College of Dublin.

In 1666, in a grant of 178A. statute measure, part hereof, to Oliver Earl of Tyrconnel, the rights of the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church were especially saved.

In 1805 John O'Neill directed by his will, that whoever should enjoy a certain interest in the lands of Simmon's Court, should pay, during the continuance thereof, one guinea yearly to the support of Townsend-street chapel.

Passing hence by.

## BALL'S BRIDGE,

erected over the Dodder originally in 1791, and rebuilt in 1835, a considerable factory for printing linens and cottons is seen at left; it is kept by Messrs. Duffy and Co., who employ about 350 persons, while the machinery is worked by steam engines of forty horse power. The Botanic Garden of Trinity College succeeds, very inferior to that of the Dublin Society, but still well worthy of inspection. It contains three and a half Irish acres, bounded on every side by a substantial wall, twelve feet in height. It has a good collection of grasses and medicinal plants, a conservatory, and a small aquarium. Adjacent to this are the Hammersmith iron works, established in 1834 by Mr. R. Turner.

In the open fields hereabouts the botanist will find *euphorbia peplus*, petty spurge; *euphorbia hœlioscopia*, sun spurge; *fumaria capreolata*, climbing fumitory; *anthemis cotula*, fetid chamomile.—In the adjacent gravel pits, *papaver argemone*, long prickly-headed poppy.—On the walls and dry banks, *draba verna*, common whitlow grass: and on the ditches, between this and Booterstown, *carduus tenuiflorus*, slender flowered thistle; *sparganium ramosum*, branched bur-reed; *carduus acanthoides*, welshed thistle, &c.

## BAGOTRATH,

the closing locality of this route, can now be scarcely considered but in connexion with the city. No remains can be traced of its formerly extensive castle, the scene of several severe engagements; a fashionable range of dwelling houses has risen over its prostrate foundations. The Hon. Sydney Herbert is proprietor of the fee.

Soon after the invasion, "the rath near Dovenadbroc," (Donnybrook,) was given to Theobald Walter, the first Butler; and in 1280 the manor of "Rath" was granted to Robert le Bagot, together with the water of the Dodder hence to the sea, and the commons of the woods of Maynooth. This grant was, however, contested by the Butlers even down to the year 1320.\* The above Sir Robert Bagot granted to the nunnery of St. Mary de Hogges 3a. of Bagotrath, as it was then called, in exchange for a messuage and curtilage in the suburbs of Dublin, belonging to said nunnery, the prioress thereof also rendering to him and his heirs a pair of gloves, or three pence, in lieu of all services.

By a regal mandate of 1374, William Fitz William was removed from the custody of the manor and castle of Bagotrath, which had been the property (as the writ recites) of William Bagot, and the same were committed to the Bishop of Meath.† From this period the Bagot family were no otherwise traced in connexion with this locality, than in the long enduring memorial of its name.

In 1403 Sir Edward Perrers and Johanna, his wife, obtained a grant of this place, stated to be within the liberties of Dublin, and to be thenceforth held of the mayor and commons of that city.‡

In 1649 the struggle for the possession of this castle brought on the before mentioned battle of Rathmines. The Marquis of

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

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Ormonde had encamped at the latter place, and in the night despatched Major General Purcell, with 1500 men, to take this castle, while himself, to favour Purcell's operations, kept his forces all night under arms. In the morning, however, when the marquis visited Purcell, he found very little had been done, the latter alleging he was misled in the night by those who undertook to guide him. The marquis thereupon retired to his tent to take repose, expecting no attack; but in this he was grievously deceived, as has been stated in the notices of Rathmines. This castle again held out for some days against the parliamentary forces headed by Oliver Cromwell, but that experienced commander, taking it by storm, demolished its outworks, and left but one tower of the edifice standing.

In 1666 Oliver Earl of Tyrconnel obtained a grant of 323*l.* statute measure here, which, on his forfeiture, passed to the Lord Viscount Fitz William.

Not far from the site of Bagotrath Castle are Beggars' Bush Barracks, erected for the accommodation of four companies of infantry.

## THE NINTH EXCURSION.

Leaving at left the extensive works of the Hibernian Gas Company, where upwards of 100 men have daily employment, the follower of this, the last excursion, arrives at a drawbridge, that divides the noble docks erected by the Grand Canal Company, being the point where, in its "days of nature," the Dodder emptied itself into the sea. The wet docks are capable of floating 400 sail in sixteen feet of water, and the graving docks of receiving six vessels of 500 tons burden. The company charge certain rates of dockage on vessels using those, under regulations prescribed by the 31 Geo. III. c. 42, while it may be remarked that their line of navigation, here terminated, was commenced in 1765, and has been since subjected to the statutable regulations of the 11 and 12 Geo. III. c. 31; 29 Geo. III. c. 39; 31 Geo. III. c. 42; 35 Geo. III. c. 44; and 53 Geo. III. c. 143.

A short interval of marshy meadow intervenes between the bridge alluded to and another, a handsome elliptic arch, which crosses the

### DODDER,

before it mingles with the Liffey and the sea.

This romantic river takes its rise in a valley at

the northern side of the Kippure mountains, and is subject to such violent floods, as have been frequently known to carry away its bridges and inundate whole tracts on its borders. The length of its course is but twelve miles, flowing, as is detailed at the particular localities, from the foot of Kippure, by Castlekelly and Templeogue, whence, running by Rathfarnham, Miltown, Clonskeagh, Donnybrook, and Ballsbridge, it discharges itself into the sea at Ringsend. Its early character is wild and boisterous, foaming amidst rocks, and usually swelled by mountain floods and showers, the close of its course, however, is gentle even to sluggishness.

A stream, that runs through Templeogue and Kimmage, is a branch of this river, and formerly afforded the sole supply for the citizens of Dublin, the right in which was saved to them by the act 7 Geo. I. c. 6. Another small rivulet, running by Cruagh and Rockbrook, and formerly employed in the service of a few mills, joins this river at Rathfarnham; while, in other times, a branch of it diverged in a channel by the garden of Dublin Castle, supplying the stable and other out-offices with water, and filling the moat that then encompassed that fortress.

Dr. Rutty makes particular mention of a petrifying water on the banks of this river. "It dribbles," he says, "down the sides of the banks in some places, on the west side of Rathfarnham bridge, where I found some curious sparry bodies, and particularly the petrifications called stalagmites coralloides. This water appears also to be replete with calcareous parti-

cles, which, on occasion of its slow, dribbling motion, it deposits, and forms incrustations on the moss and grass. It also cements the parts of the clay and gravel, and forms solid rocks, some of them of a stupendous bigness, in several places along the banks of this, between the west side of the bridge and the rise of the river, from the mountains at Castlekelly; and all those are manifestly mere petrifications from the calcareous matter deposited by the water, for they all fermented strongly with spirit of vitriol. This water curdled first, and then lathered slowly with soap."

In King John's charter to the city of Dublin this river is mentioned "Dother" by name, and its course from Donnybrook to the sea prescribed, as a part of the boundaries of the liberties of the city of Dublin.

In 1280 Robert le Bagod had a grant of the water of the Dodder.

In 1331, when a grievous famine afflicted all Ireland, and the city of Dublin especially, the citizens, in their highest distress, received an unexpected and providential relief at the mouth of this river, where a prodigious number of large sea fish, called Turluhides, that filled the bay, were cast on shore. "They were," as Harris alleges, "from thirty to forty feet long, and so bulky, that two tall men, placed one at each side of the fish, could not see one another. The Lord Justice, Sir Anthony Lucy, with his servants, and many of the citizens of Dublin, killed above 200 of them, and gave leave to the poor to carry them away at their pleasure."\* For a notice of the Dodder in 1488, see the "General History of the County of Dublin."

A Pipe Water Act of 1779 states that the Earls of Meath, as lords of the manor of the Liberty of Thomas Court and Donore, had for many ages been seised and possessed of the watercourse of this river, beginning at the place called the tongue of said river,

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\* Harris's Dublin.

which divides said watercourse between the liberty and the city of Dublin.

In 1787 occurred one of those remarkable floods, by which this river has been affected.

Along its banks the botanist will find *saponaria officinalis*, soap wort; *lithospermum officinale*, common gromwell; *scleranthus annuus*, annual knowel; *centaurea scabiosa*, greater knapweed; *poterium sanguisorba*, salad burnet; *cochlearia Anglica*, English scurvy grass; *erigeron acre*, blue flea-bane; *nepeta cataria*, cat mint, flowering in July and August, &c.

## RINGSEND,

the immediately adjoining locality, is an unchangeably wretched village, once the first inauspicious harbour of hovels, that prejudiced the foreign tourist on landing in the Emerald Isle.

In reference to its statistics it may be remarked, that the Hon. Sydney Herbert is proprietor of the fee, that Mr. Clarke has an iron foundry here, where about fifty men have daily employment, and that there are also a glass house and three salt works in the village; but the removal of the Royal Dock-yard, and the transfer of the old packet station from the Pigeon-House, have consigned this place to total decay and desertion.

On the 14th of November 1646, the parliamentary forces landed at Ringsend, and on the 14th of August 1649, Oliver Cromwell, who had contrived by his intrigues to be chosen Lord

Lieutenant of Ireland by an unanimous vote of parliament, landed at Ringsend with 8000 foot, 4000 horse, a formidable train of artillery, and all other necessities of war. His career of bloodshed, confiscation, and religious persecution in this devoted country, cannot be better related than in the energetic language of Sir Jonah Barrington, who, commencing with an allusion to Charles the First, writes, "The English rebels subdued him, the Scots betrayed him, conjointly they beheaded him, but Ireland upheld him; she combated his murderers, and, as the reward of loyalty, she met the fate of rebels. The wrecks of Cromwell's desolation still appear scattered over every part of Ireland, blood, that escaped the massacres of Elizabeth, was only reserved to flow under the sword of usurpation, and Cromwell has the credit of having done his business more effectually than any of his predecessors. He cooped up the surviving Irish in a contracted district, confined the clergy nearly to one county, confiscated two-thirds of Irish territory, and stained his sanguinary career by indiscriminate massacres in every fortress that resisted him.

"Never was any rebel so triumphant as he was in Ireland, yet it is impossible to deny, that perhaps a less decisive or less cruel general, than that splendid usurper, might by lenity have increased the misery in prolonging the warfare, and have lengthened out the sanguinary scenes of an unavailing resistance. But it is remarkable, that Charles, the graceless son of the decapitated monarch, on his restoration, confirmed under his seal the confiscation against the Irish Royalists, and actually re-granted their estates and territories to the heirs and descendants of his father's murderers."\*

About the year 1650 the first bridge was erected over the Dodder here, when it singularly occurred, that it was scarcely finished, and a safe passage effected over this theretofore dangerous stream, than it suddenly altered its channel, leaving the bridge on dry ground and useless, "in which perverse course," says Boate, "it continued, until perforce it was constrained to return to its old channel."

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\* Barrington's Rise and Fall of the Irish Nation, p. 214.

For a notice in 1666 see at "Kiltarnan." In 1670 a great storm happening at new moon, the tide overflowed the banks here, flooded up to the college, and high into the city, some houses were swept down, and many cellars and warehouses laid under water. In the same year Lord Berkeley, Baron of Stratton, landed here as Viceroy of Ireland.

In April, 1690, "Sir Cloudesley Shovel, who had come to Belfast as convoy to several ships that brought over necessaries for King William's army, received intelligence of a frigate at anchor in the bay of Dublin, and several other small vessels laden with hides, tallow, wools, some plate, and several other things designed for France; he thereupon sailed on Good Friday to the mouth of this bay, and there, leaving the Monk and some more great ships, he took the Monmouth yacht, and one or two more, with several long boats, and went to Poolbeg, where the frigate lay, having sixteen guns, and four pattereroes. King James, when he heard of it, said, it was some of his loyal subjects of England returning to their duty and allegiance, but, when he saw them draw near the ship and heard the firing, he rode out towards Ringsend, whither gathered a vast crowd of people of all sorts, and there were several regiments drawn out, if it were possible to kill these bold fellows at sea, who durst on such a good day perform so wicked a deed (as they called it.) Captain Bennet, that commanded the frigate, ran her on ground, and, after several firings from some other ships of theirs, as also from that, when they saw a fireship coming in, which Sir Cloudesley had given a sign to, they all quitted the frigate, being at first about forty, but they lost six or seven in the action."\*

In December, 1691, when de Ginkel was departing for England, the Lords Justices, and most of the nobility and gentry in and about Dublin, accompanied him to Ringsend, where taking leave he went on board the Monmouth yacht and sailed next morning.†

In 1703, the inhabitants of this place having become numerous by the accession of many officers of the port, seamen and

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\* Story's Impartial Hist. p. 58. † Id. Part 2. p. 238.

strangers, and being not only distant from Donnybrook, their parish church, but prevented from resorting thither by tides and waters overflowing the highway, an act was passed authorizing Viscount Merrion to convey any quantity of land, not exceeding two acres, for a church and churchyard for their accommodation, and the Archbishop of Dublin was empowered to apply £100 out of the forfeited tithes towards building same, an endowment which afterwards took effect in the adjacent village of Irish-town.

In 1709 the Earl of Wharton landed at Ringsend, as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

In 1726, on the death of the Reverend John Borrough, the first minister of the "Royal Chapel of St. Matthew of Ringsend," the king appointed Isaac Hartlitt thereto, on whose decease Isaac Mann succeeded, he holding therewith the rectory of Killary, *alias* Killavary in the diocese of Meath. In 1750 Dean Theophilus Brocas was preferred to this curacy by the crown, he was succeeded in 1764 by John Brocas, on whose death in 1795 Robert Ball was presented to the benefice, which is now held by the Reverend R. H. Wall.

In 1782 the old bridge, before alluded to, was swept away by a flood, and it was not until the year 1786 that statutory enactments were passed for restoring the communication, and supplying Ringsend and Irishtown with water from the Dodder, (26 Geo. III, c. 19, ss. 84 & 85.) For a further notice in this year see at the "Liffey."

In 1802 an inundation destroyed the last mentioned bridge also, whereupon was erected the present handsome and substantial one of mountain granite, and which is supposed capable of resisting any possible force of the water. At this time the number of wherries here was returned as seven.

In the marshy waters about this place grow, *sagina maritima*, sea pearl-wort; *ranunculus bulbosus*, bulbous crowfoot; *nasturtium terrestre*, annual yellow cress, flowering from June to September; *poa distans*, *poa maritima*, *aster tripolium*, sea starwort;



and on the dry banks, *caucalis nodosa*, knotted parsley. From the point of Ringsend, the south wall of the harbour extends into the bay 17,754 feet, nearly three English miles and an half. It was commenced in 1748, and is formed of large blocks of mountain granite, strongly cemented, and strengthened with iron cramps. The breadth of the road to a strong artillery station therein, called THE PIGEON HOUSE, is near forty feet, and thence to the Light-house thirty-two feet at bottom, but narrows to twenty-eight feet at top, the whole rising five feet above high water.\* A basin is formed at the former place, 900 feet long by 450 broad, and a landing-place raised 200 feet broad, on which are several convenient wharfs, now but little frequented. The pier at this point is 250 feet wide, and on it are raised buildings, which were formerly used as a magazine, an arsenal, and a custom-house.

In the channel between the Pigeon-house and Light-house is the anchorage called Poolbeg, where vessels may lie in fifteen feet at low water. The sand-banks in the same direction abound with shells, and in particular it may be mentioned, that Doctor Turton has there found the *anomia ephippium*, an interesting addition to the British Testacea. At the remotest extremity of the wall alluded to is THE LIGHT-HOUSE, commenced in 1762 under considerable difficulties, from the depth of the water, the raging of the seas, and the power of the winds in

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\* Ferrar's Dublin, p. 34.

such an exposed situation. Those obstacles, however, were overcome by the skill of Mr. Smyth, the architect, who collected vast rocks, and deposited them in a huge caisson or chest, which was sunk to the bed of the sea, and afterwards guarded with a buttress of solid masonry, twenty-five feet broad at the base. On this the ingenious architect raised a beautiful circular structure, three stories high, surrounded by an octagonal lanthorn of eight windows. It is composed of white hewn granite, firmly cemented, gradually tapering to the summit, and each story strengthened with stone arch-work. A stone staircase, with an iron balustrade, winds round the building to the second story, where an iron gallery surrounds the whole. The lanthorn is supplied with large oil lamps, whose light is powerfully increased by reflecting lenses.\*

From this building a splendid panorama opens of the bay and all its shores, spangled with villas; at the north, the bold promontory of Howth, with its fine colouring of rocks and heaths, and in the front the green and cultivated fields of Mr. Kildahl's seat in Sutton; thence arching into the city, the Clontarf shore, backed by a fine, far extended country, swells into graceful eminences, varied with woods and mansion-houses; while on the south, a yet more numerous succession of villas and villages ascends the surrounding hills, until all are alike lost in the distant blue terminator of the horizon.

In this presence and survey of

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\* Ferrar's Dublin, p. 35.

## DUBLIN BAY,

it cannot be forgotten, that it too claims some records as peculiar to itself.

In 1171 the Danish governor of Dublin, who had been driven out by the English auxiliaries of Dermot Mac Murrough, returning, entered this haven, accompanied by three score of ships, well manned with his countrymen, for the purpose of retaking the city. "They were all," says Doctor Hanmer, "mighty men-of-war, and well appointed after the Danish manner, being harnessed with good brigandines, jacks, and shirts of mail, their shields, bucklers, and targets were round, and, as they seemed in arms, so were they no less in minds, iron-strong and mighty, they marched in battle array towards the east gate of the city." The expedition was, however, utterly unsuccessful.

In 1327 King Edward the Third granted to James le Botiller the prisage of wines in this, as in the other great harbours of Ireland.\*

In 1649 Cromwell, as before mentioned, arrived in a storm in this bay, where, subsequently, Henry Ireton arrived to take the command in this country. "On his arrival in the bay of Dublin, the men-of-war that accompanied him, and other ships in the harbour, rung such a peal with their cannon, as if some great news had been coming. He and his company went up in boats to the Ringsend, where they went ashore, and were met by most of the officers, civil and military, about the town; the end of his coming over was not at first discovered, and conjectured to be only to command in the army as major-general under Fleetwood."†

In 1726 this bay witnessed a very memorable scene of another character, when, on the return of Dean Swift to Ireland, he was received with all the honours which the Drapier's Letters had earned for him. As soon as it was known, that the ship in which he sailed was in the bay, several heads of the different corporations and principal citizens of Dublin went out to meet him, in

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Ludlow's Memoirs, p. 203.

wherries engaged for that purpose, and adorned with streamers and colours and emblematical devices. In the evening he was conducted into the city, where bells and bonfires manifested the universal gratitude of the people.

The principal acts for improving, preserving, and otherwise regulating this harbour, are 26 Geo. III. c. 16 ; 32 Geo. III. c. 35 ; 43 Geo. III. c. cxxvii. local ; 45 Geo. III. c. 113 ; 50 Geo. III. c. 72 ; 51 Geo. III. c. 66 ; 55 Geo. III. c. 191 ; 56 Geo. III. c. 62 ; 58 Geo. III. c. 61 ; 1 Geo. IV. cc. 26 & 69 ; 4 Geo. IV. c. 74 ; 6 Geo. IV. c. 100 ; and 3 & 4 Will. IV. c. 43. In spite, however, of all efforts to open this harbour, it continues to this day a forlorn hope. "Many of the plans," says Wakefield, "adopted, have been formed on principles directly contrary to those pursued by nature, in depositing the sand brought up by the tide, and, therefore, the attempts founded on them have always miscarried. If any thing effectually can be done, it must be by assisting an agent too powerful to be controlled by the strength or ingenuity of man. 'As the water of the Liffey is now wasted by being mingled with the tide, or divided into small streams, which run into lesser channels and empty themselves into the bay, why not collect them together and shut up the water until the tide is down. Were the whole then let loose into its natural bed, its force would drive the sand before it, and form a free passage, which would enable ships and vessels to enter the harbour in safety.'"

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• Wakefield's Ireland, vol. i. p. 627.

Before closing this article it must not be omitted, that the herrings caught in this bay are highly esteemed as more sweet and oily than those from Wales or Scotland. The botany of its whole shores, from Killiney to Malahide, will be found arranged in the Thirteenth Appendix to Whitelaw's and Walsh's History of the City of Dublin.

Retracing the south wall and the village of Ringsend, the not less decayed hovels of

## IRISHTOWN

succeed, in which is situated the chapelry, called St. Matthew's of Ringsend, as before alluded to, of which the king is patron.

The old church is still in tolerable repair, but has no monuments of note ; the belfry tower is square and lofty. In the churchyard are tombs to the Vavasour family, from 1762 ; the Foxes, of Tully, since 1768 ; Mr. John Borrough, first minister of "this royal chapel," died 1726 ; Sir James Foulis, of Collintin, in North Britain, baronet, died 1821 ; the Rev. George Molden, died 1815 ; the Chapmans, from 1786 ; the Harts, from 1813 ; Rev. Robert Roe, died 1793 ; and here also rests Mr. John Macnamara, formerly of Coolnehell, county Clare, and latterly of Sandymount, he had been a celebrated collector of Irish manuscripts, which unfortunately were again dispersed on his decease in 1822.

There are likewise in this village a very ancient Roman Catholic chapel, having a particularly fine

altar-piece ; a poor school, where about forty boys are educated ; and an infant school for about twenty-five, supported by private contribution ; an alms-house, where four widows have lodging and fuel, with occasional distributions of tea, bread, and some small stipends ; and a dispensary, established in 1832.

On the sea-shore the botanist will find *plantago maritima*, sea plantain.—On the low grounds, *spergula nodosa*, knotted spurrey ; *apium graveolens*, wild celery, flowering in August : and in the adjacent marshes, *typha minor*, dwarf-reed mace ; *rot-bollia indurata*, sea hard grass, &c.

Passing from Irishtown, and leaving an extensive distillery at right, the traveller enters the village of

#### SANDYMOUNT,

once considered an agreeable retreat for the citizens. Its best part forms the three sides of a large triangle, with a handsome plot of ornamental ground in the centre. The village hotel and the castle of Mr. Corbet occupy one of those sides, the latter having at rere very handsome gardens and pleasure grounds. At another side is a Dissenters' church, a short distance from which is a nunnery of the Sisters of Charity, with a female poor school attached. There is also a Roman Catholic chapel here, the Catholic union embracing with this place Irishtown and Donnybrook. In the village is a parochial school, erected in 1833 ; and another for girls, built and maintained by the Misses Hepenstal, with the additional aid of £100

from the Lord Lieutenant's fund. A savings' bank and a lending library have been also established here.

In the ditches about this locality the botanist will find *potamogeton pectinatum*, fennel-leaved pond weed ; *Zannichellia palustris*, horned pond weed.—In the moist meadows, *bromus arvensis*, taper field brome grass ; *trifolium fragiferum*, strawberry trefoil.—In the adjacent salt marshes, *scirpus maritimus*, salt marsh club-rush ; *rotholliia incurvata*,\* sea hard grass ; *samolus valeranda*, water pimpernel ; *œnanthe peucedanifolia*, water drop-wort ; *carex distans*, loose sedge, flowering in June.—In the fields, *trifolium scabrum*, rough-rigid trefoil : and on the sandy beach, *kali spinosum cochleatum*, prickly glass-wort ; *phleum arenarium*, sea cat's-tail grass ; *aira cristata*, crested hair grass ; *triticum loliaceum*, dwarf sea wheat grass ; *chenopodium olidum*, fetid goose-foot, flowering in August ; *polygonum aviculare*, knot-grass, flowering from May to September ; *galium mollugo*, great hedge bed-straw ; *hyosyamus niger*, common henbane ; *draba verna*, common whitlow grass ; *malva rotundifolia*, dwarf mallow, flowering from June to September, &c.

The coast hence southward is thickly sentineled with Martello towers ; the first important locality being

## MERRION,

the ancient and long continued inheritance of the Fitz William family, but now the fee of the Corpora-

tion of Dublin. Here was a castle of the ancient proprietors, but no traces of it are now discernible. The old church presents some few but insignificant remains, in the middle of a grave-yard most scandalously open to every species of insult and desecration.

In 1392, by writ reciting an ordinance of parliament, to prevent merchants from buying up for the foreign markets falcons, "*austurcos vel tretellos*," in Ireland, John Cruys of Merrion was appointed to inquire into any violation of the order.\* This member of the Cruise family was then seised of the manors of Merrion, Thorncastle, Kilsallaghan, &c.; very soon after which, the two former passed to the Fitz Williams.

In 1420 the king granted to Hugh Burgh, Esq. the custody of the manor of Thorncastle and all its appurtenances in Merrion, Ballyboother, (Boosterstown,) Donnybrook, and elsewhere, in the county of Dublin, as then lately held by James Fitz William, deceased. For a notice of Merrion in 1488, see the "General History of the County of Dublin."

In 1565 Sir Henry Sydney, having landed as Lord Deputy at Dalkey, proceeded on the following morning to the house of Thomas Fitz William, of Merrion, whence he made his solemn entry into Dublin.

A survey of 1654 states that Merrion had been the property of the Lord of Merrion, an Irish papist; that on the premises were an old decayed castle and an extensive burrow; that said premises constituted a manor, with courts leet and baron; and that the tithes belonged to the College of Dublin.

In 1665 this was the seat of the Earl of Tyrconnel, who, in 1666, had a grant thereof, with the murrroughs thereunto belonging, and Munedressan, part of the same, together with the murrroughs adjoining next to Ringsend, 505 $\frac{1}{2}$  statute measure. On his attainder it became part of the possessions of the Corporation of Dublin, under whom Lord Fitz William holds it by lease, subject to the annual rent of £10.

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.



About Merrion grows *euphorbia helioscopia*, sun spurge.—In the hedges, *prunus instititia*, wild bul-lace tree, bearing a black globular fruit, with a fine blossom, sometimes of a waxy yellow.—In the church-yard, *cynoglossum vulgare*, hound's tongue abounds and, between this and the Black Rock, according to Dr. Threlkeld's Synopsis, a broad-leaved variety of the *absinthium maritimum* was found, which he says the country people in his time (1726) used to make into sheaves, and bring into Dublin, where it was used in making a species of ale, called purl. On the shore, in the same direction, Dr. Rutty says the *polypus Aldrovandi*, squid, has been often found, being the well known fish that, when pursued, throws out a liquor like ink, with which, having darkened the water, it escapes from its enemies.

#### BOOTERSTOWN

intervenes, a once fashionably frequented suburb. It has an excellent Roman Catholic church, of a rectangular form, erected in 1811, at the expense of the late Earl Fitz William; and near it a poor school, where about 160 children receive education. In the avenue to the Black Rock is a neat Protestant church, for the repairs of which the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have granted £50 2s. 8d. The incumbent has also a glebe-house and glebe.

The parish, as the rectory appertains to the corps of the archdeaconry of Dublin, ranks as a perpetual curacy, extending over 541A. 1R. 8P., and has com-

pounded for its tithes at £65 9s. 4½d., having an additional endowment of £73 16s. 10d. from the Earl of Pembroke. Its population was in 1831 returned as 3549. The Roman Catholic union embraces with Booterstown the Black Rock, and a part of Taney.

This locality, under the more vernacular title of Ballybotter, was the ancient inheritance of the Fitz William family; for a notice of whose rights here in 1420, see at "Merrion;" and for other notices in 1488, see the "General History of the County of Dublin;" and in 1542 and 1610, see at "Dundrum."

A survey of 1654 represents "Butterstown" as containing 240A., of which 200 were arable, thirty-five pasture, and five meadow, the property of Sir William Reeves of Rathsallagh, an English Protestant, by virtue of a mortgage from the Lord of Merrion; that there was on the grounds a castle in repair; that the premises were a manor, with courts leet and baron; and that the tithes belonged to Christ Church. For a notice in 1666, see at "Kilternan."

In 1697 the Rev. Patrick Gilmore was parish priest of Booterstown and Stillorgan. In 1824 the church was erected here, on a piece of ground given by the late Earl of Pembroke in the Cross Avenue; the Board of First Fruits gave £2700 for this object. Within the edifice are monuments commemorative of James Digges Latouche and Richard Verschoyle, Esqrs.

On the shore of Dublin bay, between this and the Black Rock, a mass of compact limestone is visible within a few fathoms of the granite, but in the interval the rock is concealed. Immediately before approaching the latter locality, at left, overhanging the railroad that keeps the sea side from Merrion to Kingstown, is Fort Lysle, so called, as having been formerly the seat of Lord Lysle; while at right is Frescati, once the favourite residence of Lord Edward Fitz Gerald.

## THE BLACK ROCK,

one of the most ruinous suburbs of the metropolis, is a collection of deserted lodging-houses and bathing villas. It has a neat Methodist chapel or church without a grave-yard, and a small Roman Catholic chapel adjoining a nunnery of the order of St. Clare. There is, likewise, a free-school here for boys, supported by sermons and subscriptions, at which about 100 pupils attend, and one for about sixty girls, for the support of which the National Board gives £12 annually. In Carysfort Avenue is an episcopal chapel, endowed with £1000 by the late Lord Powerscourt. The principal proprietors of the fee here are the Misses Byrne, seldom residing in this country, the Hon. Sidney Herbert, and Major Edgeworth. A stone cross on the ascent of the town, marks the boundary of the city liberties and jurisdiction in this direction. About "sixty years since," an annual melon feast used to be celebrated at Conway's tavern in the Black Rock, which afforded great gratification to the genteeler class of citizens, but the gaiety and respectability of the village have passed away, and the autumnal tinge on its deserted gardens and shrubberies, is in melancholy but correct keeping with its fallen fortunes.

Leaving the town, Maretimo appears at left, one of the country seats of Lord Cloncurry, adjoining to which is the residence of the Rev. Sir Harcourt Lees, Bart., beyond it is Neptune, the former retreat of Lord Clonmel, now a boarding-house. Passing a

terrace, that rejoices in the salubrious denomination of Montpelier, a modern church, striking in its distant aspect, but faulty in its details, announces

MONKSTOWN ;

a locality, not perhaps in itself either town or village, but surrounded by elegant villas, noble demesnes, and tasteful bathing lodges, and withal on the threshold of Kingstown. It has a school, reported in 1834 as attended by 205 pupils, and supported by an allowance of £12 from the National Board, and £8 from the Roman Catholic clergyman. Near the church is another school attended by about ninety children of both sexes, and maintained by private contributions. Monkstown has also an hospital and dispensary, established in 1834. The former contains four wards, with eight beds in each.

Within the new church, the interior of which presents a grotesque, heavy, and miscellaneous aspect, are mural monuments of white marble to Joseph Atkinson of Milfield in this county, who died in 1818; William Digges La Touche, who died in 1803; Alexander Crookshank, died in 1813; General James Stewart, 1798; Benjamin Domville, D. D., 1774; Sir John Lees, baronet, 1811; John Armit of Newtown Park, 1835; and Mr. Browne of Gleneagarry, who died in 1813.

At some distance from this, on the road to the castle, is the old churchyard of Carrickbrennan, an extensive cemetery, having mural monuments to Mrs.

Jones of Upper Sackville-street, who died in 1826; Mrs. Day in 1823; Beresford Burston in 1805; Charles Doyne, late of Brazen Nose College, Oxford, and to Christopher Myers, who died in 1789; while through the grave-yard are other tombs commemorative of the Rev. Audley Charles Ryder, who died in 1815; Alexander Crookshank, 1813; Mr. William Adam, a native of Paisley, 1816; Major Jones, of the 10th Regiment of Hussars, who died in 1835; James Sweetman, 1803; Mr. Taylor, formerly of the Secretary's Office in the Castle, 1826; Mr. Byrne of Eustace-street, 1827; the Hon. Hervey de Montmorency, 1834; Major Charles Cormoran, who perished in the Rochdale off this coast in 1807; the Rev. George Robinson, who died in 1800; Mrs. Dance, 1814; Richard Edgeworth of Pallismore in the county of Longford, 1818; Thomas Shea, 1736; the Byrnes of Dunleary from 1789; Henry Gonne Molony, 1821; the Williams' family from 1787; Simpsons of College-green from 1806; Miss Massey, who died in 1790; Mr. Morgan O'Dwyer, 1819; Colonel Vincent, 1834; Peter Comyn of Rochestown, 1799; Francis Barry of Tinegeeragh in the county of Cork, who died in 1770; Theresa Ladeveze, 1787, &c., while near the entrance is a large mound thrown over, and a stone commemorative of, the unfortunate officers and soldiers of the 97th Regiment, who perished in the aforesaid Rochdale transport-ship in 1807. The only remains of the old church are embodied in a large vaulted charnel-house.

Standing amidst this close assemblage of tombs, and reflecting on the varied scenes of life in which those, who lay beneath them, had once sustained their characters, it were difficult not to sympathize with those fine feelings, which Addison expresses as his on a similar occasion:—"When I look upon the tombs of the great, every emotion of envy dies in me; when I read the epitaphs of the beautiful, every inordinate desire goes out; when I meet with the grief of parents upon a tombstone, my heart melts with compassion; when I see the tombs of the parents themselves, I consider the vanity of grieving for those whom we must quickly follow; when I see kings lying by those who deposed them, when I consider rival wits placed side by side, or the holy men that divided the world with their contests and disputes, I reflect with sorrow and astonishment on the little competitions, factions, and debates of mankind; when I read the several dates of the tombs, of some that died yesterday, and some six hundred years ago, I consider that great day, when we shall all of us be contemporaneous, and make our appearance together." Beyond this cemetery is a ruinous looking structure, enclosed in a park, vindicating the site and title of the ancient castle.

Monkstown gives its name to the surrounding parish, which ranks as a curacy, united with those of Kill, Dalkey, Killiney, Bullock, and Carrickbrennan, the patronage being in the Dean of Christ Church, in whom all the rectories are impropriate. The glebe-house is in Kill, as also part of the glebe, the

remainder being in Dalkey. Monkstown alone extends over 2051A. 2R. 1P., and has compounded for its tithes at £204 8s. 11*d*. The parliamentary return of 1824 classes it as partly in the barony of Rathdown, and partly in one of those detached portions of Uppercross before alluded to. That of 1821 states its population as 4812, increased in the census of 1831 to 9814; each census, however, it is to be remarked, including Black Rock and Kingstown. In 1834 the estimate was yet further enlarged to 14,138, of whom 10,741 were classed as Roman Catholics. The principal proprietors of the fee are Lords Longford and De Vesci. The Roman Catholic union of Monkstown comprises part of Monkstown, (a portion being in the union of Kilgobbin,) Kill of the Grange, Dalkey, Killiney, Tullagh, Rathmichael, and Old Connaught.

In 1174 King Henry the Second, by charter, confirmed to the Abbey of the Blessed Virgin all their lands in Carrickbrennan, (the more ancient name of this locality,) Carrickvecon, &c., with all their appurtenances, and all shipwrecks that might happen on their lands, together with soc and sac, tol and them, infangenthef and outfangenthef, and all liberties and free customs. This charter is dated at Feckenham, and the grant was confirmed by Pope Clement the Third in 1189. In 1363 the abbot of said house sued William and Walter Walfre, for wasting and destroying the lands of Monkstown (which had been demised to them), to the great loss and injury of the said abbot and his house.\*

In 1415 the king committed to John Corynghan, clerk, the custody of the manor of Carrickbrennan, to hold during pleasure,† possibly during a vacancy of the abbacy of the aforesaid religious house, as, in the following year, the abbot of that establishment

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\* King's MSS.

† Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

was recognised in the rightful possession thereof. For a notice of Carrickbrennan in 1488, see the "General History of the County of Dublin."

Inquisitions, taken at the time of the dissolution, find the abbot of the house of the Blessed Virgin, seised of the manor of Carrickbrennan *alias* Monkstown, six messuages, a castle, 222A. of arable, 100A. of pasture, 5A. of meadow, and a water-mill here; also of a capital messuage, surrounded with stone walls, and three towers, three cottages, an orchard and close containing 5A. of pasture, 160A. of arable, 16A. of pasture, 2A. of meadow, and 1A. of bog in the Grange of Carrickbrennan; also of a castle, two messuages, eight cottages, 80A. of arable, 2A. of meadow, and 30A. of pasture and bog in Newtown, all in the county of Dublin.

In 1546 John Travers, in consideration of his services, had a grant of (*inter alia*) 207A., with the Grange in Carrickbrennan, otherwise Monkstown, three turrets, all the orchards and enclosures with 131A. in said Monkstown, 101A. in Newtown, &c., the estate of the late monastery of the Blessed Virgin; 60A. of pasture and bog in Cornell's Court, the estate of the late abbey of Lismullen, &c.\* which possessions afterwards passed to the family of Cheevers. The tithes of grain of Monkstown, together with the Grange, became subsequently vested in Viscount Baltinglas, on whose attainder they were forfeited to the crown, and by Queen Elizabeth demised to James Barnewall of Bremore.

In 1565 Sir Henry Sidney, having landed as viceroy, passed the night after his debarkation in the castle of Monkstown.

The regal visitation of 1615 states the rectory as inappropriate, that there was no curate, and that the profits were therefore sequestered.

In 1638 the castle, before alluded to, was built here by the family of Archdeacon, the ruins of which yet remain.

In 1640 Henry Cheevers died seised of the manor, &c. of Monkstown and Newtown, one mansion-house, one castle, twenty messuages, one water-mill, and 200A. of land; Cornell's Court, one castle, four messuages, and 60A.; and also of the tithes of Monkstown and Newtown, which he held of the crown *in capite* by knights' service.

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.



A survey taken in 1654 states the townland of Monkstown as containing 434A., fourteen being meadow, 300 arable, and 120 pasture, that Walter Cheevers, Irish papist, had been the proprietor, and stood indicted for adhering to the rebels in 1641, that there was an old castle on the premises, newly repaired by General Ludlow, also a mill in use, a small creek for a haven, a parish church in repair, and a small shrubby wood with a few ash trees, that the premises constituted a manor, with courts leet and baron, and that the tithes belonged to the proprietor. The whole parish is, in said survey, stated to comprise only 777A.

Monkstown was about this period the country-seat of General Edmund Ludlow, and thither Colonel Henry Cromwell, immediately after his landing, repaired, until conducted in state into Dublin by General Fleetwood and several officers. "There, on a subsequent occasion," writes Ludlow, "after a short collation, walking in the garden, I acquainted him with the grounds of my dissatisfaction with the present state of affairs in England, which I assured him was in no sort personal, but would be the same were my own father alive, and in the place of his. He told me that his father looked upon me to be dissatisfied, upon a distinct account from most men in the three nations, and thereupon affirmed that he knew it to be his resolution to carry himself with all tenderness towards me. I told him that I ought to have so much charity for his father to believe, that he apprehended his late undertaking to have been absolutely necessary, being well assured that he was not so weak a man to decline his former station, wherein his power was so great and his wealth as much as any rational man could wish, to procure himself nothing but envy and trouble. I supposed he would have agreed with me in those sentiments, but he, instead of that, acknowledged the ambition of his father in those words: 'You that are here may think he had power, but they made a very kickshaw of him at London.' I replied, that if it were so, they did ill, for he had deserved much from them; then I proceeded to acquaint him with my resolution not to act in my civil employment, and my expectation not to be permitted to continue in my military command, to which he answered, that he was confident I should receive no interruption therein. I told him I could not foresee what his father would do, but inclined to think

that no other man in his case would permit it. To this I added, that the reason of my drawing a sword in this war, was to remove those obstructions that the civil magistrate met with in the discharge of his duty, which being now accomplished, I could not but think that all things ought for the future to run in their proper and genuine channel, for, as the extraordinary remedy is not to be used, till the ordinary fail to work its proper effect, so ought it to be continued no longer than the necessity of using it subsists, whereas this, that they called a government, had no other means to preserve itself but such as were violent, which, not being natural, could not be lasting. 'Would you, then,' said he, 'have the sword laid down, I cannot but think you believe it to be as much your interest to have it kept up as any man's.' I confessed I had been of that opinion, whilst I was persuaded there was a necessity of it, which seeming to me to be now over, I accounted it to be much more my interest to see it well laid down, there being a vast difference between using the sword to restore the people to their rights and privileges, and the keeping it up for the robbing and despoiling them of the same; but, company coming in, we could not be permitted to continue our discourse."\*

Several other incidents occurred here connected with the government of Ireland during the Commonwealth.

In 1667 Walter Cheevers passed patent for the manor-house and lands of Monkstown, *alias* Carrickbrennan, 632A. plantation measure; Newtown of the Strand 207A. like measure, &c.

In 1673 the corn tithe of Monkstown and the Grange of the same (Kill), were granted to the Archbishop of Dublin and his successors, in trust for the incumbent, at an annual rent of £2 8s. For a notice in 1697, see at "Bullock."

In 1769 the Rev. Thomas Robinson was presented to the living of Monkstown, and in 1780 its present ecclesiastical union was established by act of Council.

The bustle of a favoured seaport and a fashionable suburb, hurries the traveller into a locality once known by the vernacular appellation of Dunleary,

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\* Ludlow's Memoirs, p. 187.

but which, consecrated as it has been by the departure thence of the only English monarch, that ever visited Ireland with professions of peace and conciliation, has been deservedly and preeminently entitled

## KINGSTOWN,

a town beautifully situated over the sea, but greatly destitute of that beauty which arises from order and regularity. The houses, indeed, generally speaking, appear to have been hastily and promiscuously thrown together without any such consideration. Some terraces and rows, however, must be excepted from this censure; amongst which, Gresham Terrace, with the Royal Hotel, a spacious, elegant, and well-conducted establishment, is particularly striking, having in front a fine plot of ornamented ground, denominated Victoria-square, at the request of her present Majesty, with a terrace-walk overlooking the busied sea, the granite-works and tank, the harbour and pier, while in the distance, the Hill of Howth is finely displayed, with the Bailly light-house shining on its extreme promontory. Near this is Haddington Terrace, with its bower-windows and tasteful Elizabethan architecture. Beyond it a handsome Protestant church, called the Mariners' Church, has been very recently erected, close to which is the Bethel, a Methodist meeting-house, built in 1836, while in another part of the town is a Scots' church, constructed in 1828.

There is a national school in the town for boys, reported in 1834 as having 152 scholars, and to which

the Board allows £20 per annum, while the Sisters of Mercy, who have a convent here, maintain under their superintendence a female free-school, attended by upwards of 200 girls. There is, also, near Gresham Terrace, a fine, commodious Roman Catholic chapel, the ceiling and altar-screen of which are particularly well executed. The Roman Catholic union takes the name of this place, and embraces with it the parishes of Cabinteely and Crinken. A locality, so approximated to the sea, so accessible by railway communication, of such pure air, dry soil, bold scenery, and marine enjoyments, has been, it may well be supposed, crowded in every corner with villas and boarding-houses, bathing-lodges and cottages.

The harbour is a truly magnificent station, constructed of granite, brought by railways from the adjacent quarries of Dalkey. The first stone was laid in 1817 by Lord Whitworth, then viceroy. It consists of a pier extending 2800 feet into the sea, and comprises four parts : the first running directly from the shore to the distance of 1500 feet, with a north-east bearing ; the next making a slight return in a northward line of 500 feet ; the third continuing north-west, 500 feet ; and the last 300 feet, west. Towards the construction of this great work, Parliament advanced £505,000, to be repaid by certain duties levyable off the vessels coming into it. The area enclosed for this harbour covers 251A ; its situation is about half a mile eastward of the old pier of Dunleary, and immediately to the west of a rocky tract called the " Codling Rocks," while all to the

westward of itself is a fine sandy bottom. Close to the pier-head there is twenty-four feet depth of water at the lowest springs, while at two hours' flood there is water sufficient to float a seventy-four. Towards the shore the depth gradually lessens to fifteen or sixteen feet. A series of acts, 53 Geo. III. c. 191; 56 Geo. III. c. 62; 1 Geo. IV. c. 26; and 1 Geo. IV. c. 69, have been passed for its regulation and superintendence, as further amended by the 6 Will. IV. c. 117, while, under the authority of a local statute (1 & 2 Will. IV. c. lxix.), a splendid railway has been driven, principally through the sea, connecting the head of the western pier of this harbour with the city of Dublin, and which the company has been by the 3 & 4 Will. IV. c. xxvii. (Loc. and Pers.) empowered to extend, but commerce does not frequent it.

In 1672 the Earl of Essex landed at Dunleary as viceroy of Ireland, as did the Earl of Northington in 1783.

In 1807 the Rochdale packet was wrecked off this coast, when 380 persons perished.

In 1821 King George the Fourth, after his memorable visit to Ireland, debarked hence from a spot, since reverentially preserved from vulgar contact by a small obelisk, with a suitable inscription, and surmounted by a crown.

At the close of the year 1834, the railway from the metropolis to this place, five and a half miles in length, was opened to the public, and the number of passengers has been since calculated at an average as 4000 daily. It issues from the city a little to the north of Merrion-square, and is carried over several streets and across the dock of the Grand Canal, by handsome and substantial arches of granite. At Merrion it enters the sea, passing through it on an elevated embankment to the Black Rock, thence it has been worked through extensive excavations, intersecting the demesnes of Lord Cloncurry and Sir Harcourt Lees, passes under a

tunnel of about seventy feet in length, and extends along the sea-shore to the Martello tower at Seapoint, whence continuing at the foot of the Monkstown high ground and Salt-hill, it arrives at the harbour of this place. Locomotive engines of the most improved construction, having three classes of carriages attached, are constantly running on the road, carrying on an average about 4000 passengers daily.

By a recent act, 4 & 5 Will. IV. c. xc. (Loc. and Pers.) reciting that this town had greatly increased of late years, and was still rapidly advancing in size and population, and that the paving and lighting tax (9 Geo. IV. c. 82,) had been brought into effect there, but that its provisions were ineffectual for several objects necessary for the regulation and improvement of the place, the operation of said last-mentioned act was repealed as to this place, and new and suitable provisions were made for its regulation, its boundaries being at the same time expressly defined.

This thriving locality is now partly the fee of Lord Longford, and partly of Lord de Vesci.

The waters here afford the *aurata Salviani*, sea bream and sea tench ; while, in reference to its ancient ornithology, Doctor Rutty states that the *anser bassanus*, soland goose, frequented this shore in his day, of which species, he adds, "the inhabitants of St. Kilda consume 22,600 young birds, besides the amazing quantity of their eggs, which are their principal support throughout the year."

In reference to its geology, "the country around this and Dalkey," as Professor Scouler remarks, "consists entirely of granite. Almost every block is traversed by concretionary veins of the same substance, differing from the general mass in the texture, colour, and relative proportions of the usual ingredients. The following minerals have been found in the granite : spodumene, killinite, beryl, fluor, copper pyrites,

iron pyrites, galena, garnet, tourmaline, and more rarely, apatite, rutile, spene, and orthite."

Nor must the pursuits of the botanist be forgotten. In the fields beyond Kingstown he will find, *erythræa centaureum*, common centaury; *peplus portula*, water purslane; *rumex pulcher*, fiddle dock; *chlora perfoliata*, perfoliate yellow wort; *festuca bromoides*, barren fescue grass, early springing, and early fading; *avena pubescens*, downy oat grass; *trifolium procumbens*, hop trefoil, flowering in June and July; *ophrys apifera*, bee ophrys, flowering in July, the only species of the genus observable in Ireland. On the beach and rocks thence to Killiney, *brassica marina*, sea colewort; *juncus maritimus*, lesser sea rush; *orobanche major*, greater broom rape, &c.

Some visitor of Kingstown, happily regardless of the pleasures of sensation, may throw himself upon one of those rocks, that give business to the eye of the geologist and the botanist, and even more philosophically engaged, may indulge in all the reflections that must crowd upon him, as rising from the waters beneath him, and the vehicles of literary communication that float upon them, the winged links of knowledge and affection which connect this "ultima Thule" with the remotest regions of the earth. A shadow may pass over his heart, when he sees the black hulk of the compulsory exiles, lying as dead and as solitary and unmanned as if it were the lazaretto of an infected crew; but there is a deeper sympathy frequently to be imparted here. Too often exiles of

another order, yet, scarcely less constrained, may be seen gathering to the shore; daunted by the immoral inquisition of moonlight legislators, they abandon the green hills of their childhood, where they can no longer live innocent, industrious, and happy. The repository of evils and calamities seems to have left them at the bottom, only the hope of a better fortune in a foreign land, but their hearts are in the homes of their aged parents. The signal bell of the breaker of the waves shoots like a pang upon their memories;—their sighs are responded to by the wild vociferations of their deserted relatives,—the double track of their steamy impulse mingles into one foamy, waving, doubtful line.—Evening succeeds, and the vessel and its crew are lost to the wild gazes of the by-standers.—A world of waters is between them.—It is sad to think, how many of these fugitives might by better treatment, and more self-command, have become cultivators and capitalists in their own country, a genuine and estimable yeomanry. If they had the fortitude to forsake here the vices, which must equally retard their welfare elsewhere, if they had changed their habits to honesty, industry, temperance, and obedience to the laws, if they had put on the new man amidst their former evil associates, if the proprietors of the soil encouraged them by their presence, their sympathies, and their services, relieved them from the interposition of oppressive agents, and the exaction of excessive rents, and encouraged them by beneficial tenures, and adequate wages; if all and each would co-operate in measures of universal



benevolence and improvement, abjure the excitement of party politics, and those successive triumphs of faction, that are alike destructive to the liberty of a people, and the happiness of a nation; how different would be the fortunes of those emigrants and their country !

Proceeding from Kingstown, through avenues flanked with piles of hewn granite, a little haven is seen at left, giving the name of Sandy-cove to a small collection of buildings, amongst which is a water-guard station, and near it commodious hot and cold water baths.

## BULLOCK,

succeeds, a village of fishermen, with a small new harbour, extending sixty-nine yards from east to west, and ninety-three from north to south, and having a quay on the west side. At high water the depth is nine feet. The entrance is bad, and off the east point is a rock which can be seen at low water spring tides, called Old Bullock. Opposite the quay are the remains of a wall or pier sixty-six yards long, which gave shelter to the vessels from northerly winds, but is now of little avail. It is high water here later than at Dalkey or Kingstown, in consequence of the ebbing tide running into this place, where it is confined until the outer water is below the level.

In the village are the fine remains of a castle, which formerly defended the harbour, and in whose

shadow the present pier has been constructed. It is an oblong building, with two flanking square towers, the harshness of its outlines being relieved by the ornamental character of the parapet, which ascends pyramidally at several centres and angles, and was designed chiefly for the purpose of embellishment. At the distance of some perches from the castle is a small square watch tower, evincing that the extent of the ancient works must have been much greater than the present remains. A great portion of the wall, that connected this barbican with the castle, is perfect. On the opposite side of the road is a grotesque edifice of Alderman Perrin, presenting a slated cottage in front, and a dwarf embattled fortress at the rere. Bullock is the fee of Lord Carysfort, and gives its name to the parish, which ranks as a curacy in the union of Monkstown, having a population reported as 1386 persons, of whom 1156 were stated to be Roman Catholics.

This whole district is an inexhaustible bed of granite, remarkable for the quantity of mica it contains, sometimes found in flakes as large as a sixpence. The stone has a soft and crumbly appearance, and is so when first cut from the quarry, consequently, it is very malleable, but hardens exceedingly on exposure to the air, till it becomes an extremely solid and durable material for building, while the great quantity of mica gives it a very brilliant appearance. The heights to the south, extending through a considerable tract, are all of this granite.

Chiastolithe, of a greenish and yellowish white colour, is found near this, in loose boulders of clay slate.

There was formerly here one of those Rocking Stones, which are asserted to have been used for divination by the pagan priesthood of Ireland; and are an additional evidence of the Eastern colonization of this country, being identically the same as the *Bœtylia*, the animated stones, "*λιθους ἐμψυχους*," of the Phœnicians, mentioned by Sanchoniathon, and described by Damascius as moving, or rocking in the air. The learned Bochart derives the *Bœtylia* from the stone which Jacob set up as a pillar, and called Bethel; and Maurice, in his *Indian Antiquities*, is of the same opinion. Very few of these remains can now be found on their poise. The author of this work has, however, seen one which still, in its unfrequented solitude, justifies its common appellation of "the shaking rock." It is so curiously balanced, that a child can shake it; and, from the powerful pressure of its own weight, a hundred persons could possibly effect no more. An attempt was made, by a large body of men with crows and other instruments, to dislodge this from its position, and hurl it into the wild valley over which it hangs. The experiment has broken off a great splinter of this huge memorial, but the remaining mass still retains the poise. It stands about three miles off the road from Bannada to Ballina, in the county Mayo, on the edge of that group of eminences known by the name of Mass Hill, from having been the resort of the Roman Catholic clergy for the celebration of their sacrifice, in the

times of a cruel and miscalculating persecution. There are no signs of art very discoverable in its neighbourhood—no circle of stones immediately surrounding it; but, while the vast rock itself evidently plays upon another, now much sunken, the deep valley below exhibits numerous lumps and broken fragments of stone, that seem to have been hurled down from the summit for the same gratification, which would fain have precipitated the whole memorial of antiquity. If even this should fail to satisfy the antiquary, there is much in the novelty and extent of the prospect to reward his visit. A wild assemblage of mountains and lakes, the singular hill called Scriebh-na-mucka, with the two deep ravines that, as it were, engird it, the dark expanse of Lough Eask, and far in the distance the silvery edges of the Atlantic, the flitting clouds and vapours, that eternally shift the landscape and vary its complexion, the rocks crowned with mountain thyme and saxifrage and the loveliest varieties of heath, the precipices occasionally animated with badgers, foxes, or wild cats, all present a scene of natural grandeur exceedingly interesting.

In 1307 Sir John Asyk, knight, then Lord of "Boulek," granted to the prior of the monastery of St. John the Baptist, Dublin, the advowson both of the rectory and vicarage thereof, with 15*l.* of land in his lordship; and in 1346 the religious house of the Blessed Virgin was found entitled to receive, from every fishing boat entering this harbour, one of their best fish, herrings excepted; and from every herring boat a meise annually.

In 1402 Thomas of Lancaster, the king's son, landed at Bullock as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. For a notice in 1488 see the "General History of the County of Dublin."

An inquisition, taken on the dissolution, finds the abbot of the Blessed Virgin seised of a castle, two messuages, six cottages, seventy acres of arable land, eight of meadow, forty of pasture, eight of underwood, and a sea-creek here.

In 1559 the Earl of Sussex landed here to assume the command of the Irish government.

In 1611 John Fagan passed patent for the town and lands of Bullock, comprising one castle, one ruinous tower, thirty messuages, 10A. of meadow, 200A. of pasture and furze, with the fishing and haven to the main sea. The premises, as stated in an inquisition of the same period, had descended to him according to the course of the common law, and were not holden by the Irish custom of tanistry. Accordingly, a survey of 1654 states Bullock as in the parish of Monkstown, containing 90A., of which sixty were arable, twenty-three rocky pasture, and seven meadow; that it was the property of Christopher Fagan, of Feltrim; that there were on the premises a castle slated, a good haven and a bawn; and that the chief fish, tithe fish, custom fish, and corn tithes belonged to the proprietor. Christopher continued so possessed until 1682, when he died seised thereof in tail male.\*

In 1697 the Reverend Henry Talbot was Parish Priest of Bullock, Dalkey, Monkstown, and Cabinteely.

In 1703 John Allen obtained a grant of the town and lands of Bullock, 209A., with all fishings, &c., thereunto belonging, lately the estate of Richard Fagan attainted, while the improper rectory and tithes, forfeited by the same proprietor, were, in pursuance of the act 11 Will. III. conveyed to trustees for the purpose of augmenting small vicarages, &c. And in 1780 the curacy was incorporated in the union of Monkstown, by act of council.

About Bullock the botanist will find, *pedicularis palustris*, tall red rattle.—On the sea shore, *plantago maritima*, sea plantain; *silene maritima*, sea catch-fly; *juncus maritimus*, lesser sharp sea rush. On

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

the rocks, *cotyledon umbilicus*, navel wort ; *lichen calicaris*, channeled lichen, reputed excellent in dying red ; *lichen saxatilis*, used by finches and other small birds in constructing the outside of their curiously formed nests.—On the old walls, *asplenium ceterach*, common spleenwort.—And on the commons, *neottia spiralis*, sweet lady's traces.

The progress is imperceptible from the last locality to

#### DALKEY ;

it seems indeed as if the city itself were running into this little village, that a few years since presented but the humble hovels of fishermen and stone-cutters, who, however, like the squatters of Ballymóre-Eustace, have acquired such a title to the commons by inclosure and adverse possession, as more enterprising persons are willing to purchase and improve upon. Accordingly, the inmost recesses of Dalkey have been opened for granite, the sequestered unbroken furzy face of the crags is gone, and terraces and villas of rural beauty are "moored in the rifted rock," mingled with cottages to suit the humbler wishes or circumstances of the tradesmen or shop-keepers of the city. Of those structures, Sorrento, the seat of the Rev. R. Mac Donnell, immediately overhanging the bay at the Killiney side and commanding an enchanting prospect, and Mr. Burke's grotesque castellated rock house are peculiarly worthy of notice.

On the common are the government quarries, while in the town are the not uninteresting remains of

an ancient church, picturesquely situated at the foot of the Rochestown Hills, and presenting a nave fourteen yards long by five wide, and a choir eight by five, divided by a well executed arch; the belfry has a double aperture, the east window wears a very antique appearance, and all the windows and doors are round-arched. There are no tombs worthy of notice within it or the cemetery, but the obvious reflection of the many, who in this once important town have within these walls offered homage to their maker, deepens the veneration with which they must be contemplated.

Here are national poor schools, reported in 1834 as having 307 children on the roll, boys and girls, to the support of which the board allows £18 per annum; and, on the ascent of the hill above Doctor Mac Donnell's cottage, is another charity school maintained by contributions of the gentry, and attended by about ninety children of both sexes. Near the latter seminary is a large cromlech of granite, unhewn but rudely grooved and propped to the usual inclination. It is said to have been formerly surrounded by a wall of large stones, that have since been incorporated in modern structures, but even in its loneliness, this stubborn witness of antiquity cannot fail to allure the contemplative visitor back to these times, when it was surrounded, amidst all the homage of pagan worship, by the mariners of those seas, those implicit votaries, who, according to Strabo, offered up their prayers and vows in this Samothrace of the west, to the deities that presided over naviga-

tion. In this line are also traced remains of an ancient causeway, evidently intended for facilitating the communication between the coast and the town.

Three stunted square castles, dismantled of their outworks, give little idea of the former importance of this locality, once the principal emporium for the commerce of Ireland, and as such defended, from the freebooters of the mountains and the pirates of the sea, by seven strongly fortified and well manned castles. The entrance to the west was through a gateway secured by two of those structures, while it would appear, that the east end was guarded by high walls, the south by a moat or ditch, and the north by the sound, which is formed by islands, connected by a reef on the east and the Dalkey shore on the west. The larger of these islands is called Dalkey Island, as hereafter mentioned, the next, a very small one partially covered with grass, is denominated Lamb Island, the third Clare Rock, and the fourth the Maiden Rock; the two latter are composed of bare granite, or partially covered with sea-wrack, while the Maiden Rock, it may be observed, derives its appellation from the tradition, that some young girls of the mainland, seeking "dilisk" in its fissures, were surrounded by the tide, and perished in the view of their parents. North of those are the Muglin Rocks, 132 yards long by 71 wide, on which in 1765 the noted pirates, Mac Kinley and Gidley, were hanged in chains for the murder of Captain Glass.

The intervening sound extends from the west



end of Dalkey Island, to the north end of the Maiden Rock, 880 yards, or four cables and a half long, the breadth at the south end being 308 yards, narrowing, to the north entrance formed by Maiden Rock, to 209 yards. Its direction is north and south by compass, with soundings not less in the shallowest part mid-channel than five fathoms, but the bottom is made up of rocks or stones, gravel, star-fish, sea eggs, sand, oysters and other shells, except in a small hole opposite to the ruins of an old building on the north part of Dalkey Island, where the bottom is muddy. There is a sunken rock, which has five feet water on it at low water, lying eighty yards north-west of the west part of Lamb Island. The tide of flood runs across the south entrance as well as into it, and through the Muglin sound, and causes a great sea. This therefore is to be attended to in taking the sound. The Muglin sound is 495 yards broad; it has a sunken rock a small distance north-west of the Muglin Island, and another south-east of Clare-rock. In the surrounding cavities immense quantities of fish are taken.

On the shore, in a little rocky cove, the tourist will find a ready boat to facilitate his pilgrimage to the island, where, surrounded by cliffs and a frequently tempestuous sea, an ancient mariners' chapel was erected, and dedicated to St. Begnet or Benedict. This island is 528 yards long from north to south, and 308 from east to west, its form being nearly oval, comprising about 29A. of tolerably fertile salt marsh, constantly grazed upon by cows and

sheep. On it is a doubtful remain, said to be the patron's church, but certainly having nothing of the ecclesiastical aspect, unless, perhaps, a plain gable belfry, and wholly disconsecrated, even in the tradition of the people, by its present uses. This island being in the immediate possession of government, a battery has been erected at the sea-ward side, and behind it, in more modern times, a Martello tower, differing perhaps from all others, in having its entrance from the top, while the doors of others, like those of their elder brethren, the legitimate round towers, stand no more than twelve or fourteen feet from the ground. The view from its summit, of the whole bay, and all the villages, hills, and shores, that environ it, the Light-house and Kingstown pier encroaching on the sovereignty of the sea, and that sea animated with vessels, is one of exceeding interest. There are three or four spring wells upon the island, one especially under a rock on the south-west part, which was deemed of sanative virtue for some complaints. The rocks about it abound with crabs and lobsters, while in the sound, according to Dr. Rutty, a species of the whiting, called the pout, is taken during the summer, and in the winter the island is frequented by ducks, teals, widgeons, and other fowls.

The parish of Dalkey, including the island, contains 467A. 0R. 10P., and a population returned in 1831 as 1402 persons, of whom 1290 were classed as Roman Catholics. It ranks as a curacy, and is, in both the Catholic and Protestant arrangements in-

cluded in the union of Monkstown. It has 12A. of glebe, and has compounded for its annual tithes at £7 3s. 2d. to the incumbent, and double that amount to the impropriator. The principal proprietors are the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Lord Carysfort, and the commoners and their assignees to the extent of about 123A. On the church property here, some veins of lead ore were discovered, and assays made towards working the mine, but without success. In the vicinity of the town are two fine wells, respectively dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and to St. Begnet.

In 1171 Murtough, petty prince of Hy Kinselagh, when confederating with Roderic O'Connor to besiege Dublin, encamped with his forces at Dalkey. In five years afterwards, Hugh de Lacy granted this place, with the island, to the See of Dublin, a gift which was confirmed by Prince John and subsequently by Pope Clement the Third. In 1178 Archbishop O'Toole assigned to Christ Church (amongst several) the church of St. Begnet of Dalkey with all its tithes, and his grant was further assured by letters patent from Prince John. The manorial rights and royalties remained, however, annexed to the see. In 1200 the archbishop had a grant of a Wednesday market here, and an annual fair to be held on St. Begnet's day, with such tolls and customs as the mayor and bailiffs of Dublin had, same to be applied and spent upon the murage and pierage of the town.

In 1218 Reginald Talbot was seised of Dalkey, rendering therefore a goshawk annually, and his rights therein were confirmed to his family by various subsequent instruments. In 1273 his descendant, another Reginald, was summoned to attend a great council in Dublin, in right of this feod.

In 1306, it appearing by the king's letters that the wines sent to him out of Ireland were bad, mixed, and for the greater part sour, an inquiry was instituted on the oaths of merchants as to the cause, whereupon they found that the wines in question were

shipped about Michaelmas at Bourdeaux, and were after All Saints' Day landed at Dalkey, whence they were re-shipped to "Skynburness," but on the latter occasion were tossed about by tempests until the Epiphany, and then delivered in the state of deterioration complained of, but not arising from any adulteration or default of the mariners or merchants.\*

In 1323 the Mayor, &c., of Dover received the royal command to have sufficient shipping on a given day at Dalkey, to convey thence more arms and provisions to his majesty, for the service of the expedition against Scotland.

In 1337 King Edward confirmed Dalkey, with its church and tithes, to the See of Dublin, as did King Richard in 1395. For a notice in 1348 see at "Howth."

In 1360 the Provost and Bailiffs of this little borough received the royal command, to permit the departure of a Spanish ship, which had been stopped to convey the Prior of St. John of Jerusalem, then also Chancellor of Ireland, inasmuch as he was not prepared to travel at that time.† In 1369 Reginald Talbot was sued in the Court of Exchequer, for delivering therein, as the rent of his estate of Dalkey, one goshawk, which on inspection and examination there proved unsound, unfit, and of no value, and insomuch as the same was a fraud on the court, and a grievous damage to the king, the said Reginald was fined.‡

In 1376 the king appointed inspectors to prevent the unlicensed exportation of corn from this harbour,§ and in 1386 Philip de Courtney landed here, Lord Deputy of Ireland, as did in the following year Sir John Stanley, Deputy of the Marquis of Dublin, and with full powers under his authority given at his manor at "Kenington."

In 1396 King Richard granted to Archbishop Northalis and his successors in the see of Dublin, that his and their bailiffs for the time being, should exercise the office of admiral or water bailiff within the manor, lordship, and port of Dalkey, and receive all fees thereunto belonging, and, that no admiral or water-bailiff of the king should intermeddle with their authority. The impor-

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\* Rot. in Office Ch. Rememb. Hib.

† Rot. in Office Ch. Rememb. Hib.

‡ Rot. in Canc. Hib.

§ Rot. in Canc. Hib.

tance of this grant appears from a contemporaneous instrument, wherein it is stated, that "there is no safe anchorage or good lying, for great ships coming into the port of Dublin with wines, salt, corn, and other merchandises, freighted for Dublin from foreign parts, only at the port of the Archbishop of Dublin in the town of Dalkey, which is six level miles from Dublin, and out of the port and liberties of the city, at which place they are bound to unload, and there is no other port in the neighbourhood where they can ride so safe from storm, and the merchants were wont to buy their goods at said port of Dalkey as well as in the port of Dublin and other ports, to land same and to bring it up on cars or in boats to the city, and there land and pay the customs," &c.

In 1414 Sir John Talbot, Lord Furnival, afterwards the renowned Earl of Shrewsbury, landed here as viceroy of Ireland.

In 1451 the king appointed James Prendergast bailiff of Dalkey, and by a record of 1482, it appears that this town could then raise 200 men in arms, that seven fairs were annually held here by grant from King Edward the Fourth, as also weekly markets, and that the bailiff had power to receive, out of all manner of wares and merchandise coming and resorting for sale to the said fairs and markets, such customs as were levied by the mayor and bailiffs of the city of Dublin, same to be employed in walling and paving the town.

In 1488 Sir Richard Edgecombe, having taken the homage and oaths of the nobility who had espoused the cause of Lambert Simnel, embarked at this harbour for England.—For a further notice of Dalkey in this year, see the "General History of the County of Dublin."

In 1538 Walter Cowley landed here with treasure for the king's service in Ireland. In the State Paper Office is an account of his disbursements in the carriage of this trust. The amount of the treasure is not stated, but it is certified to have been conveyed in two hampers on horses to Holyhead, by St. Alban's, Brickhill, Towcester, Daventry, Coventry, Lichfield, Vyleybridge, Stone, Nantwich, Chester, Conway, Rhyddlan, and Beaumaris. In 1548 Sir Edward Bellingham landed here as Lord Deputy of Ireland, as did Sir Anthony St. Leger, when in 1553 he came for the fifth time to the government of this country.

In 1558 the Earl of Sussex embarked a large detachment of his forces at this port, to oppose the Scottish invaders at the isle of Rathlin, where, after sustaining much loss at sea, he effected a landing, slew many of the Scots, took the island, and placed a colony and garrison upon it. Thence passing over into Cantyre and the islands of Arran and Comber, he spread desolation over them, and would have inflicted his visitation on Islay, but was driven back by a tempest to Carrickfergus, and, having spent nine weeks in this hazardous expedition, returned to Dublin.—For a notice in 1565, see at “Merrion.”

In 1575, when Dublin was wasted by a remarkable plague, several of the citizens took refuge in the island of Dalkey, and in 1584 Sir John Perrot landed as viceroy in its harbour.

In 1602 John Wakeman, “in consideration of a certain sum of money, paid at the king’s instance, to a certain old and well-deserving servant in Ireland,” had a grant of the possessions of the monastery of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Clondalkin, Dalkey, Howth, and Clonsillaigh, with the churches of Clonsillaigh, &c., reserving to the crown the tithes of the parishes of Ballyboghil, Portmarnock, Roebuckswall, Dubber, and Santry, excepting also such possessions of the said abbey, as had been theretofore granted to Thomas Earl of Ormond and Ossory in 1575, and also excepting certain lands in Crumlin in the tenure of John Bathe, late Attorney-General, the tithes of St. Glannock, and the demesne lands of St. Mary’s Abbey, the tithes of Ballybough, and the Grange of Clonliffe, with their appurtenances.\*

In 1611 John Fagan of Feltrim was seised of a fir park here, containing two acres, “bounded on the east to Hacket’s lands, to the lands of Charles Walsh on the west, to the common pasture of Dalkey on the north, and to the king’s highway on the south,” which he held of the Archbishop of Dublin as of his manor of Dalkey, by fealty and suit of court; and in 1626 James Bee died seised in tail male of a messuage and four acres here, which he held by a similar tenure, as did Patrick Barnewall in the following year, seised of one ruined castle, one messuage, and four acres here.†

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

The regal visitation of 1615 reports of the churches of Clonkene, *alias* Grange, and that of Dalkey, that their rectories appertained to the church of the Holy Trinity; that Owen Ellis was curate of both; and that the churches were in repair, but their chancels in ruins.

In 1641 John Wilson, Vicar of Dalkey and Killiney, fell a victim to the hostilities of the period.

In 1644 the sea about Dalkey and the whole bay of Dublin was filled with the parliament ships. "I am sorry," says Secretary Nicholas, in a letter to the Marquis of Ormonde, dated as of May in that year, and preserved in Carte's collections, "that the passage from Ireland is, by the English rebels' shipping on that coast, rendered so difficult, and that there is no possibility for the king suddenly to set forth, and maintain such a guard upon the Irish coast, as to suppress their forces by sea."

For a notice of the Eustace property here in 1663, see at "Clondalkin." In 1666 James Duke of York passed patent for 42A. here, with a saving, however, of a remainder in tail to Thomas Eustace; a great proportion of this was in 1703 granted to John Allen of Stillorgan; while in 1682 Christopher Fagan, of Feltrim, died seised of four messuages and 7A. here.\* For a notice in 1697, see at "Bullock."

A survey of 1725 states the contents of Dalkey as 289A. 3R. 22P., out of which total Mr. Bull was then proprietor of 67A. 3R. 26P., (now the estate of Mr. Pollard,) the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church of 7A. 0R. 31P., Lord Newhaven of 28A. 0R. 4P., glebe 14A. 1R. 14P., the see of Dublin of 49A. 0R. 31P., while the commons comprised 123A. 0R. 36P.

In 1788 it was contemplated to make Dalkey island a lazaretto, for vessels coming from infected places and subjected to quarantine. The project, however, was not carried into effect.

It can scarcely be omitted, that, within the memory of many, Dalkey was the scene of an annual convivial meeting of a society, who had elevated the island to the dignity of an independent kingdom, the monarchy being elective, as also all the high offices of state, as Archbishop of Dalkey, Admiral of the Muglins, &c. The

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

annual visitation of the sovereign and his ministers of state, none of whom were, happily for themselves, bound to residence, afforded considerable amusement to the citizens. It took place in June, and the proceedings were duly recorded in a newspaper entitled the Dalkey Gazette. The last coronation took place in the summer of 1797.

The botany of Dalkey affords *jasione montana*, common sheep's bit; *juncus uliginosus*, little bulbous rush; *rosa spinosissima*, burnet rose; *pedicularis palustris*, tall red rattle; *trifolium arvense*, hare's-foot trefoil; *iris fœtidissima*, roast beef plant; *trifolium scabrum*, rough rigid trefoil.—On the rocks, *papaver cumbricum*, yellow poppy; *osmundi crispa*, stone fern; *nepeta cataria*, cat mint; and various species of lichen: and on the sea shore, *plantago maritima*, sea plantain; *samolus valerandi*, water pimpernel; *leontodon maculosum*, spotted dandelion, &c.

Passing over a wild and romantic coast, crowned with granite rocks, or waving in all the ornamental luxuriance of furze, and commanding most extensive views of sea and land, the road hence ascends the hills of

#### ROCHESTOWN,

the fee of Lord Talbot de Malahide, in right of the Mapas family.

These hills are three in number, all rising abruptly from the sea, teeming with granite, and diademed with Martello towers.



The ascent of the centre, commonly called Killiney hill, commands perhaps one of the most enchanting views that this county affords, certainly far superior to any scene in Wicklow. On its summit, at a height of 475 feet above the sea, the obelisk, hereafter alluded to, was erected. The panoramic view hence almost exceeds credibility, combining as it does all the charms of the sublime and the beautiful, the attractions of nature and art. Eastward the eye embraces, through the depth of air, Killiney bay embosomed within hills, the little town of Bray upon the shore, with the Sugar-Loaf hill beyond, its tapering elevation forming a singular feature among the irregular group of the Wicklow mountains. At south opens a fine expanse of hills and valleys, their natural beauties increased by all those decorations that taste and wealth can induce. Northward are seen the island and the little town of Dalkey, and the busied railtracks to the mountain quarries, the ships in the bay floating at anchor, others moving into port, or passing outwards to their various destinations. Beyond the bay rises the promontory of Howth, over which are distinguished the hills of Louth; and on the edge of the remote horizon the soft outline of the mountains of Mourne; while westward, through smoke and haze, the city is traced over many a mile by steeples, mills, factories, and monuments, the whole intervening space being luxuriantly cultivated and thickly set with innumerable country seats. The descent of the hill at the sea side is in many places frightfully precipitate, presenting many a native

Leucate, for those "who love too well." The faces of those cliffs have in many instances, by the power of the winter surge, been excavated in deep caverns and recesses.

"On the coast immediately below," remarks Professor Scouler, "the junction of the granite with the mica schist occurs; the edges of the schistose strata repose on a basis of granite; the schist is much contorted, and sometimes so convoluted, as to form concentric crusts. At the line of junction the schist abounds in crystals of andalusite, grouped in a stelliform manner. Numerous veins issue from the granite, and intersect the micaceous schist. Some of the veins run parallel to the lamination of the schist, others to the direction of its stratification; and consequently one set of veins intersects the other. In one instance a heave has taken place, and the two portions of the granite vein are displaced. These veins frequently contain fragments of micaceous schist."

Near this hill, at the residence of Mr. O'Hara, in a circular enclosure of stunted oaks, is one of those few remarkable Brehon chairs which yet stand in the island. It presents the appearance of a large arm chair of stone, with a slab step between two large rocks, all of granite. At the distance of a few yards behind it is a screen-like granite slab, standing nearly perpendicular, and pierced about half through, at the side fronting the back of the chair, with a large hole sufficient to admit a man's forefinger; this slab is about one yard square. About the same distance behind this is a yet more curious granite slab, about

three yards long by one and a quarter high, also standing nearly perpendicular. In the middle of the upper side it is cut down into a long narrow slit, resembling a lengthened horse-shoe; down from which, at one side, it is deeply grooved to the ground, and on the other side but partially and slightly. In this slab are two similar small circular perforations at the side fronting the chair, which is, however, as it were, studiously turned from these other stones, and all are overgrown with moss.

For a notice of Rochestown in 1488, see at the "General History of the County of Dublin;" and in 1517, at "Belgard." An inquisition of 1611 finds John Fagan seised in fee of the town and lands of Rochestown and Scalpwilliam, containing one castle, forty messuages, forty gardens, 300A. of arable land, 20A. of meadow, 200A. of pasture, and 10A. of wood, which he held of Peter Talbot, as of his manor of Rathdown, by fealty, the premises being, as the record adds, descendible by the course of common law, and not holden according to the Irish custom of tanistry.\*

A survey of 1654 states Rochestown as containing 230A., of which 120 were arable, 100 pasture, and 10 meadow; that John Kennedy, of the city of Dublin, Irish Papist, had been the proprietor, and that its tithes belonged to Christ Church.

In relation to the mineralogy of these hills, the museum of the Royal Dublin Society presents specimens in spodumene, of a pale yellowish green colour; killinite, of a yellowish green tinged with brown; precious garnet; moroxite, a very rare mineral in this country; beryls; tourmaline; orthite of a brownish black colour, bedded in granite; common iron pyrites, crystallized in cubes; common arsenical pyrites,

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

of a tin white colour; sphene, of an Isabella yellow colour. A mineral of the andalusite species also occurs here in abundance, particularly on the shore at the southern extremity of the cliff under the obelisk hill, where it appears thickly on the surface of beds of mica slate. It seems to abound also imbedded in the substance of that rock, though less distinctly visible until it has been exposed to decomposition, being less affected by exposure than the rock in which it is contained.

The Rochestown hills supply likewise a rich field for botanic gratification, every where exhibiting *rubia peregrina*, madder; *eryngium maritimum*, sea holly; *crythmum maritimum*, samphire; *iris fœtidissima*, roast beef plant; *pedicularis sylvatica*, dwarf red rattle; *polygala vulgaris*, milk wort; *hypericum humifusum*, trailing St. John's wort; *statice spathulata*, upright spiked sea lavender; *lonicera periclymenum*, common honeysuckle; *erodium moschatum*, musk stork's bill; *erodium maritimum*, sea stork's bill; *lycopsis arvensis*, small bugloss; *lithospermum officinale*, common gromwell; *festuca bromoides*, common fescue grass, a plant early brought forward by the first sunny days that warm the thin soil in which it delights to vegetate; but its existence is of no long duration, and it fades away, or only partially remains in the beginning of July; *cotyledon umbilicus*, wall pennywort, with yellowish green flowers; *sedum Anglicum*, white English stone crop, a great ornament to the barren rocks on which it grows; *trifolium ornithopodioides*, bird's-foot trefoil, flowering in June.—In the hedges, *viola odorata*, with its

fragrant flowers in March and April; *carex dioica*, grey carex, flowering in May and June.—On the strand, *convolvulus soldanella*, sea bind-weed, clothing and adorning the sundry cliffs with its variegated flowers, and adding one of the lesser features of beauty to that picturesque coast; *silene maritima*, sea catchfly; *aster tripolium*, sea starwort, with its yellow disk and blue radii; *euphorbia Portlandica*, Portland spurge; *gramen sparteum spicatum*, sea mat weed or mar-ram.

On the rocks, *statice armeria*, sea pink; *galium saxatile*, smooth heath bed straw, covering the rocks in large patches, and adorning them in the summer months with its profusion of milk-white flowers; *lonicera periclymenum*, woodbine, flowering from June to October.—On the moist sea shore, *statice limonium*, sea lavender; *Parnassia palustris*, grass of Parnassus.—In the cultivated fields between this and Loughlinstown, *lolium arvense*, short-awned darnel; *scilla nutans*, hare bell squill; *euphorbia peplus*, petty spurge: and in the sandy pastures between this and Bray, *linum angustifolium*, narrow-leaved flax; *genista tinctoria*, dyers' green wood, &c.

The parish, in which this locality is situated, is called

## KILLINEY.

It comprises 1334A. 2R. 7P., with a population of 495 persons, of whom 380 are classed as Roman Catholics, and is merged in the union of Monkstown in

both Catholic and Protestant arrangements. The principal proprietors are Sir Compton Domville, the Archbishop of Dublin, and Lord Talbot de Malahide.

The ancient parochial church is on the descent of one of the hills over the sea, and still presents some interesting ruins beautifully overgrown with ivy. A tall, narrow, rectangular doorcase, set like those in the entrances of Egyptian edifices, opens into the nave, which is seven yards long by four wide. The arches of its windows are round, as is that which leads from the nave into a chancel four feet long by three wide. The windows in the latter are lancet-shaped. Parallel with the ruin of the church is that of another edifice, eleven yards long by four wide. There is also a modern chapel of ease on the townland of Ballybrack in this parish ; and its officiating curate has a school on the hill of Killiney, attended by about forty-four children of both sexes, and supported by subscriptions and the proceeds of a charity sermon in the parochial church. On Ballybrack, near the aforesaid chapel, a monument of granite has been erected to mark the spot where the Duke of Dorset, at the age of twenty-one, was killed when hunting in 1815.

In 1178 the church and town of Killiney were, amongst other possessions, confirmed to Christ Church by Archbishop O'Toole.

The regal visitation of 1615 reports its rectory inappropriate; that Maurice Byrne was curate, and the church in good repair. For a notice in 1641, see at "Dalkey."

A survey of 1654 states the townland of Killiney as containing 60A. arable, being the property of James Margetson, Dean of Christ Church, in right of his deanery. It states that there were

on the premises the walls of the parish church, and that the tithes belonged to Christ Church. The same document calculates the whole parish of Killiney as containing 347a.

In 1741, the year after the remarkable frost, Mr. Mapas, then proprietor of Killiney, erected the before-mentioned obelisk here, with the benevolent intention of providing employment for the industrious poor. The grounds were subsequently greatly beautified by Viscount Loftus, who resided there.

In 1751 a mine was opened within the townland, the ore of which is reported to have contained a considerable quantity of silver.

In 1780 this parish was, by an Act of Council, incorporated in the union of Monkstown; and by an act of 1828, (9 Geo. IV. c. 52,) the chapel of ease before alluded to was erected here, and endowed with 20a. for the chaplain, who was directed to be appointed by the perpetual curate of Monkstown, to reside within that parish, and not to accept of any other preferment.

The shore between this and Bray abounds with pebbles of all colours, often so beautifully-variegated, that, but for their Irish origin, they might perhaps contend with the Egyptian: they strike fire with steel, and cause no ebullition with acids.

The road hence to Shanganagh exhibits vistas of the same magnificent scenery, that constitutes the panorama observable from the obelisk hill.

#### SHANGANAGH

gives name to a lovely wooded vale at the foot of the mountain parish of Killiney, embracing a creek of the sea, and traversed by a small stream, on which a flour mill has been established. The antiquarian will find here the dichotomised ruin of a castle, once the

residence of the Walshes ; and in an adjoining field a cromlech resting upon three grey stones. It is pleasant in the stilly evening to hear the harp-like tones of the beetle impelling itself from the covert of these relics of old times ; but it is still more grateful to see cultivation and ornamental improvement covering the face of this once barren district—harvests thickly waving in the valley, and evergreen plantations stealing up all the surrounding hills. This denomination is at present the fee of the Misses Roberts.

In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the Lawless family were in possession of Shanganagh, Kilruddery, &c.,\* but in 1473, the Vicars of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, petitioned parliament, stating that they and their predecessors were seised of the seigniority of Shanganagh from time immemorial, had leased it to Thomas Lawless, and had also leased eighty acres within said seigniority to Edmond Walsh, who disowned their authority, and would pay no rent, whereupon, said Edmond was ordered to appear before the Justices of Common Pleas, who were empowered to decide the controversy. An inquisition of 1547 recognises the vicars as seised of the aforesaid 80A. here, adding that they were worth 26s. 8d., but were demised for ten shillings.

Another inquisition of 1609 finds, that James Walsh, Esquire, was seised of the inheritance of one castle, ten messuages, one water-mill, 173A. arable, 10A. meadow, and 30A. pasture in Shanganagh and Kiltuc, which he held of Peter Talbot, as of his manor of Rathdown ; Walsh also held at that time, and by similar tenure, ten messuages, 70A. arable, 6A. meadow, and 10A. pasture in Cork, *alias* Corkagh. The document continues to state, that a claim was made on behalf of Patrick Archbold of Kenleston, to some of these premises, while the vicars choral of St. Patrick's claimed the aforesaid 80A. in Shanganagh as their ancient inheritance,\* and such their title is recognised in their

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Inquis. in Canc. Hib.



charter of incorporation, in 1641, subject to a lease for years to James Walsh. They have, however, long since ceased to enjoy these lands.

A survey of 1654 states this townland as containing 400A., that it had been the property of John Walsh of Shanganagh, Irish rebel, although it singularly adds, that he died half a year before the alleged rebellion broke out. It mentions a castle and a large hall thatched, a mill, two orchards, &c., as being then upon the premises, and adds, that the tithes belonged to the College of Dublin. The property did not, however, on this occasion, pass out of the Walsh family, for it appears by documents in the Rolls Office, that another John Walsh died in 1671, seised of the same premises in fee tail.

In 1666 Oliver Earl of Tyrconnel had a grant of 29A., here. For a notice in 1751 see at "Rathmichael."

Turning out of this picturesque valley upon the main road from the metropolis to Bray, the village of

## CRINKEN,

first claims some notice, a locality situated in the Catholic union of Kingstown, and chiefly the property of Mr. Magan and the Misses Roberts.

On this townland, in the demesne of Sir George Cockburn, are the ruins of the old church of Kiltuc, measuring about eleven yards by six, and filled with hawthorns and elder trees, ivy being interlaced over all. About it are fragments of its ancient cross lying strewn on the ground, the upper stone being a solid circular piece of granite, with the crucifixion in bas relief on each side of it. The mansion-house of General Cockburn is also well worthy of a visit,

it contains many paintings of merit, several antique bronzes, tables of Mosaic and Egyptian granite, numerous slabs of Greek and Roman marbles, volcanic specimens from Mounts Vesuvius and Etna, with other collections illustrative of natural history. In the hall is a splendid marble sarcophagus, and in the ceiling of the library is inserted a fine copy of Guido's *Aurora*. This room especially commands splendid views of the sea and mountains. In front of the house the proprietor has erected a pillar composed of Grecian marbles, to commemorate the passing of the Reform Bills in 1832.

Immediately adjoining this locality is

#### CORKAGH,

i. e. the marsh, an epithet which its ancient appearance justified. It is now the estate of Mr. Magan, under whom it is held by Colonel Wingfield. It has a pretty glen, groves of magnificent old trees; and in the openings, fine views of the bay, the Wicklow mountains, and the town of Bray are liberally varied.

In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the Lawless family were seised of this townland,\* for a notice of which in 1609 see at "*Shanganagh*." From them it passed to the Walshes, (see at "*Old Connaught*" in 1654,) until an Irish act of 1713 authorized the sale of these lands, as then part of the estate of John Walsh, for payment of debts contracted by Edward Walsh his deceased brother and then affecting said lands. In conse-

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quence of this sale it came into the tenure and tenancy above-mentioned. For a notice in 1751 see at "Rathmichael."

From the mean wooden gateway of Corkagh, or as it is inapplicably styled Cork Abbey, a short portion of road leads into the neat little town of

BRAY,

in which the tourist will find an hotel of very superior accommodations, or comfortable lodgings, with an excellent market, no small inducements in a town so delightfully situated, overhanging the sea, and connecting the most romantic portions of this county with those of Wicklow. The better part of the town has been built on the ascent of a hill in the latter county. Here is the hotel alluded to, opposite to which is the church, a convenient comfortable edifice, ornamented with a steeple and spire. In the surrounding graveyard are monuments to the Hutchinson, Putland, Hodson, and Edwards families. A narrow section of this cemetery, running between its western boundary and the church, commands a very delightful prospect over the little harbour of Bray, the picturesque river that divides the counties, and its confluence with the sea, the ancient bridge, the garden and demesne of Ravenswell, the woods of Old Connaught, and the succession of mountains even to the broad back of Douce. Near this stands an edifice which had been a barrack, but is now used as an hospital. In the valley at its foot is Mr. Southern's salmon fishery, and beside it

the brewery of Messrs. Darley. On the line of road from the hotel to the sea, are two National schools, aided by a grant of £18 per annum from the board, and attended by about 300 children. Near these is a water-guard station for seven men and an officer, and beyond it on the sea shore, is another free day school, supported entirely by Mrs. Putland, and attended by eighty-six girls and seventeen boys, all of whom are educated and clothed at her expense. Higher on the ascent of the town is the Roman Catholic chapel, a roomy and commodious edifice, with a fine altar piece and gothic screen, and almost opposite to it the Rev. Mr. Roache, the parish priest, has a neat and retired residence.

The portion of the town, that lies at the Dublin side, having its annals and statistics identified with the former, necessitates the introduction of Bray in the present history. This Dublin section is usually styled Little Bray, and consists of a few lodging houses in the midst of cabins. It also has an excellent Catholic chapel. The commons, on which have been erected some neat cottages, comprise about 25A., where fairs are held on the 1st of May and 20th of September, a small frieze fair on the 5th of August, and annual horse races in September. On the latter occasion particularly the scene presents some animating peculiarities that much increase its interest; the valley and adjacent hills covered with the population of the barony; the river gliding silently amongst them; the more distant eminences bare and rocky; the bustle and music in the tents on the ground; the

trumpet calls from the show stages; the horses gathering in to the starting post; the grooms mounting in line; the bugles sounding; the sightless offset; the rising clouds of dust; the audible spurring; the anxious expectancy of the fancy; the cheers of the people; the triumphs of the goal; the sneezing of the wearied horses as they pace the arena of their competition, surrounded by their respective courtiers;—all communicate a life to the scene, that, however moralists may decry its latent abuses, cannot but delight the ordinary observer. Near these commons, and at the Dublin side of the river, are the remains of the old castle, now reduced to a single tower, and appropriated to the constabulary force. Opposite are the parochial poor schools, attended by about ninety children, and supported by subscriptions, a sermon in the church, and an annual grant of £9 from the National Board, while the physical wants of the poor are relieved by a dividend of about £60 per annum, part of the profits of an estate devised by Mr. Adair, for the relief of the indigent in this and the adjacent parishes of Delgany and Powerscourt. The dispensation of his bounty was confided by the testator to the successive rectors of each; and in the district which is the subject of this memoir, it has been hitherto fairly and impartially administered.

The fee of Bray at the Wicklow side is in the Earl of Meath and the Hon. Sydney Herbert; at the Dublin in Mr. D'Olier and Mr. de Butt; and town-parks are let at about seven guineas per acre.

Although the harbour was in the Martello tower

building age deemed of such importance, as to require for its security three of these fortresses, twenty-six of which environ this county, yet no attempt has ever been made for its improvement, so that only small craft can come up ; neither has it quay, wharf, nor pier. It was once suggested to construct a railway from the mountains, through the vale which the Bray river waters to its mouth, and there to erect a pier where the granite could be exported, but the suggestion was abandoned. The chief supply of this river is from the valley of Glanduff, whence it flows through that of Glancullen by Enniskerry, and is met at St. Vallori by the Dargle river that takes its source from Lough Bray, with which augmentation it glides into the sea.

The country about this village presents within a small space an instructive series of rocks. The conical masses of the Sugar Loaf mountains, with the summits of Bray Head and Shankhill, resembling them in structure, are composed of quartz ; and it may be remarked, that the conical form appears to be in some measure characteristic of mountains composed of that substance. Mr. Jamieson has seen in Lusatia detached conical summits composed of it ; and the well known paps of Jura, and the conical summits in the mountains separating Caithness from Sutherland, are of the same material ; as is also, according to Doctor Berger, the mountain Darnhill, near the town of Portsey.

Bray Head, rising behind the town, is a lofty and commanding promontory, in height 807 feet above

low water mark in Dublin bay, and stretching itself to a great extent into the water. Its outline is bold and irregular, its colour always dark and gloomy, and its sides precipitous and rugged. In the cliffs that fortify it on the sea side curlews and corvoraunts build their nests, and, on the approach of a storm, much enhance the sublimity of the scene by their wild flights, dark groups, and melancholy screams; while the gulls, hovering over the rocks, or riding on "the foaming fickle tide," mingle their screams with the music of the winds and waves. This Head is chiefly composed of quartz rock, divided into two great masses, the division between them being marked by a hollow in the middle of the hill; but the coast around the headland consists of numerous successions of stratified rocks, which ascend part of the northern and eastern brows of the promontory. The strata in many places rest on their edges, and are turned and contorted in every direction, exhibiting phenomena analogous to those observed at Howth. The shores from this to Loughlinstown abound with pebbles of all colours, sometimes beautifully variegated, and bearing a fine polish. Under the Head are the ruins of an ancient chapel, forty feet long by fifteen broad, having a circular headed window at each end.

The parish extends at both sides of the river; its population was returned in 1831 as 3758 persons; and it has compounded for tithes at £230 per annum. It constitutes an entire rectory in the gift of the crown, united at a very remote period to the vicarages of Old Connaught and Kilternan, and the pre-

bend of Rathmichael. Kilternan has, however, been recently severed from the union. There is glebe of about six acres within this parish at a spot called "Monastery," where a stone, with a cross rudely carved upon it, and a burial ground, are yet traceable. In the Roman Catholic division the Wicklow portion of Bray constitutes the head of a distinct union, while the Dublin is included in that of Monkstown.

In 432 St. Patrick attempted a landing at Rath Inver, supposed to have been the harbour of Bray, but was utterly denied admission, and driven from that coast by its pagan inhabitants. The Annals of the Four Masters record the death of the chieftain of Rath-Inver in battle in 786.

In 1152 Bray, previously the seat of a rural bishopric, was, by Cardinal Paparo, annexed to the see of Dublin.

In 1179 Strongbow, on the part of King Henry the Second, gave to Walter de Riddlesford, Bray and the land of the sons of O'Toole with all their appurtenances, and Dovenalbroc and Ballymagrane with their appurtenances, six carucates, Ballymelile, one carucate, &c. &c.\* This Walter, in 1180, granted to the abbey of St. Thomas of Dublin a yearly rent charge of forty shillings out of the lands of Ballymelile, and also a burgage in the town of Bray, with power to enter into his said townland of Bray, and with boats and carts to carry away thence timber sufficient for firing and other necessary demands.† In 1200 the said Walter, having founded the nunnery of Grany, in the county Kildare, granted thereto, with other possessions, the right of patronage of all the churches throughout his whole barony of Bray, the tithes of the mill of Bray, the tithes of all his expenses of housekeeping, with sundry other tithes, &c.‡ This grant was subsequently confirmed by King John, who, in 1213, gave to said Walter license to hold one market on every Thursday in this his town.

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\* Rot. Pat. in Canc. Hib.

† Archdall's Mon. Hib. p. 179.

‡ Dugdale's Mon. Angl. v. ii. p. 1022.



In 1215 de Riddlesford demised to the favourite monastic establishment of that day, the abbey of St. Thomas, all his lands in the "honor" of Bray, as it is termed, and divers other townlands, with all the villeins thereon, at the yearly rent of three marks, and a fine of sixty marks.

About the middle of the thirteenth century the third Lord of Offaley, having married the daughter and heiress of de Riddlesford, became possessed of all that warrior's possessions. It appears, however, that in 1297 Theobald le Botiller, ancestor of the Earls of Ormonde, after accompanying and aiding Edward the First in his expedition against Scotland, purchased the manor of Bray, with all the lands of the O'Byrnes, and the cantred of Omany, in Connaught. For a notice in 1331, see at "Tallagh."

In 1334 the king granted to Geoffrey Crumpe all the lands, &c. in the manor of Bray, for twenty years, at the yearly rent of £6 1s. 8½d.; "and because the said land is on the marches, so that scarcely any one can derive any profit from it," the king forgave the rent for two years, in consideration of the grantee repairing the castle, called "Rokelescourt."\*

In 1349 the abbot of the religious house of the Blessed Virgin of Dublin, on his part, freely and voluntarily consented to find, at his own cost and charges, two complete horsemen and six hobillers, to assist the king's warders at Bray in protecting the country from the ravages of the O'Tooles and O'Byrnes; the king declaring, and it being understood, that such voluntary act of the abbot should not be drawn into a precedent to the prejudice of future abbots. Various records concerning the watch and ward kept at Bray for similar purposes, during that and the subsequent century, occur in the Rolls.

In 1382, on the demise of the Earl of Ormonde, the estates of Arklow, Bray, and twenty-six other lordships, were taken into the king's hands during the minority of the heir, and seneschals were appointed by the crown to manage and preserve their revenues.

In 1402 John Drake, mayor of Dublin, with a strong body of well-armed citizens, marched against the O'Byrnes and O'Tooles, whom he encountered in battle near Bray, where 4000 of the Irish

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

rebels were slain. For this service the citizens re-elected Drake their mayor for the ensuing year; while Daniel O'Byrne, the chief of his sept, tendered his allegiance and his castle of Mac Kinegan (near Delgany) to the king.

In 1412 the king appointed John Walsh, Thomas Wallace, and others, to prevent the exportation of grain on all the coast from the Head of Bray to the Nanny water; and in 1429 the sheriff of Dublin was commanded to provide from the county and cross lands of Dublin 100 carts' load of victuals, 800 men with axes and bundles of wood, "fasciculis," 100 men with spades, "vangis," 200 with machines for hurling stones, "tribulis," and full provisions for the whole force for six days; all which men, arms, and supplies, were directed to be at Bray on a day named, under heavy penalties, as the same were urgently required for service against the O'Byrnes.\*

A record at the close of the fifteenth century states the church of Bray, with two chapels annexed, as appertaining to the monastery of Grany, by grant thereof from Walter de Riddlesford. The document adds, that it has a perpetual vicar on the presentation of the said monks, and that it is situated in the "honor" of Bray, and near the church or chapel of the Augustinian brothers, endowed by the Archbishops, who had about this time a grant of the manor and lands of Much Bray and Little Bray;† and by a taxation taken in 1539, the vicarage was valued to the First Fruits at £1; at which time the church was found to be appropriate to the convent of Grany.

In 1547 Sir Anthony St. Leger, knight, had a grant of the rectory of Bray, and of all other the possessions of the nunnery of Grany, as had Gerald, the son and heir of Patrick Archbold, a grant, with livery of seisin and pardon of intrusion, of the manor, lands, &c., of Much Bray and Little Bray; while a document of about the same period enumerates Bray amongst the "walled and good towns" of this county.

In 1609 Thomas Fitzwilliam was seised of a castle and 250A. in Little Bray, which were held of the king, *in capite*, by knight's service; as was James Walsh of three messuages, 24A. arable, and

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\* Rot. in Canc. Hib.

† Ib.

10A. pasture in Little Bray, which he held of the manor of Bray, subject to a claim on the part of the crown to these premises.

The regal visitation of 1615 reports the rectory of Bray to be inappropriate; that Maurice Byrne was then the vicar; that he read the service in Irish; that the book of Common Prayer used there was in Irish; that the church and chancel were in good repair; and that the value of the benefice was £7.

In 1622 Thomas Earl Fitz William, of Merrion, was found seised in his lordship as of fee, of half the town and lands of Great Bray, with the appurtenances, containing six messuages and 150A. of land, of the yearly value of ten shillings.\*

A return of 1630 states, that only sixteen Protestants then attended divine service here.

In 1634 Walter Wellesley was delivered by his father, Valerian Wellesley, the ancestor of the Duke of Wellington, on the hill of Bray, as a hostage to the Duke of Ormonde, with whom he went to Cork, and there died.

A survey of 1654 states, that Little Bray contained 63A., sixty of which were arable, and three meadow, that twenty-three thereof had been the property of James Walsh of Old Connaught, Irish rebel, that there was a warren on his portion, that 20A., belonged to William Wolferston of Stillorgan, Irish Papist, who had an old castle on his part, that 7½A. appertained to the Lord of Merrion, Irish Papist, and 12½A. to William Earl of Meath, an English Protestant, while the tithes of the whole were the property of Walter Plunkett of Fishamble-street, Dublin.

In 1666 Oliver Earl of Tyrconnel obtained a grant of a moiety of Great Bray, containing 184A. He died in the following year, when this property descended to his heir, Thomas Lord Fitz William, who held it of the crown in free and common socage. In two years afterwards, James Duke of York had a grant of 20A. plantation measure in Little Bray, and in 1671 James Walsh died, seised in tail male of the premises in Little Bray, before alluded to as the property of his ancestors, and which he held of the crown by knight service.

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\* Inquis. in Canc. Hib.

In 1690 a skirmish took place near this, between the armies of William and James, the latter had arrived here early in the morning in his flight from Dublin, and learning that he was closely pursued, he ordered the troops that he then had with him to stop till twelve at noon, to defend the old bridge here, while he continued his journey through the mountains of Wicklow. For a notice in 1693 see at "Kiltiernan."

In 1722, in consequence of a petition signed by the respective incumbents, and by some of the inhabitants of Stagonil and Bray, the Archbishop of Dublin consented that the townlands of Kilruddery, Ballywaltrim, and Ballymorres should be dismembered from the former parish, and added to the latter, while half of Kilcrony, with half of Glancormuck and Glancullen, should be united to Stagonil in lieu of the above townlands. In 1725 the king presented Benjamin Tredell to this rectory, and in 1726 advanced William Chandler to the same preferment, while in 1728 Archbishop King augmented the vicarage with the tithes of Old Connaught, Fassaroe, and Ballyman.

In 1730 John Bushe was presented by the crown to this benefice, and was succeeded in 1746 by John Lyon, whose successor was the Honourable and Reverend William Beresford in 1765. In 1768 Dr. Thomas Leland, the author of the History of Ireland, was promoted to it, and his successors have been Dr. Benjamin Domville, in 1773; Thomas Craddock, in 1774; Thomas Torrens, in 1776; William Barnard, in 1792; James Wilmot Ormsby, in 1796; Edward Mangin in 1800; James Wilmot Ormsby, on Mangin's resignation, in 1803; Edmund Knox, in 1811; the Honourable Charles Knox, in 1817; and the Honourable Mr. Plunket within the last few years.

In 1824 the Episcopal Union of Bray, as it theretofore existed, was dissolved, and the parish of Kiltiernan, which had been part thereof, was by act of parliament (5 Geo. IV. c. 81) united to that of Kilgobbin.

In 1836 a Loan Fund Society was established here, for lending money to the industrious poor and to fishermen, on principles the best calculated to improve the country, employ the people, preserve integrity, frugality, and social order, and ultimately to lessen the sphere of pauperism and the weight of poor laws.

The botany on the banks of the river of Bray exhibits *ranunculus parviflorus*, small flowered crow-foot; *artemisia absinthium*, common wormwood; *pyrethrum parthenium*, common feverfew.—On the common, *neottia spiralis*, sweet lady's tresses.—On the road sides, *ballota nigra*, black horehound; and between this and Enniskerry, *clinopodium vulgare*, wild basil, flowering in August.

The far-famed and justly celebrated scene of the Dargle (i. e. dark glen) lies in the latter direction, but wholly within the county of Wicklow.

Returning to the wooden-gate of Corkagh, a straight and noble avenue, overhung with elms, beeches, sycamores, and some fine walnut trees, passes by Mr. Morrison's seat at Walcot, opposite which is the ruined church of

#### OLD CONNAUGHT,

filled with elder trees entwined with luxuriant wreaths of ivy; the area of the edifice is twelve yards long by six broad; the door-way and one window are round arched, the other two windows rectangular. The graveyard is small and deeply shaded by hazel, beech, ash, and elder trees, and yet more sombrely by the massy green drapery of the leaves of the horse chestnut, amidst which the frequent wild pigeons and other woodland warblers pour forth their melancholy voices. Immediately beyond this is the village, an assemblage of neat

houses and cottages, surrounding a circular plantation of old trees.

The parish comprises 1975A. 2R. 33P., having a population stated in 1831 as 1959 persons. It is a vicarage in the union of Bray, and has compounded for its tithes at £240 per annum, payable to the incumbent. In the Roman Catholic arrangement it is in the union of Monkstown. The fee is principally in the Misses Roberts, and the lands are all engrossed in demesnes; their own, in situation and ornamental advantages, is pre-eminently picturesque, overlooking the bay and all the richest scenery of the intervening shores. Adjoining the village is the seat of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Plunket, a handsome square building, commanding a most extensive prospect, and surrounded by grounds tastefully laid out.

In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries the Lawless family were seised of this denomination.\* From them it passed to the Walshes, to whom Robert Cowley, writing to Lord Crumwell in 1537, refers, when he recommends that "certain gentlemen, as Peter Talbot, (then the Lord of Powerscourt,) others of the Walsh men, and others nigh Dublin, be enabled to dwell and inhabit upon the Tooles, who most noyeth about Dublin, and the king to be at some charges to build there."

In 1609 James Walsh of Shanganagh was seised by inheritance of one castle, ten messuages, 140A. arable, 20A. wood, 5A. meadow, and 40A. pasture, with the appurtenances here, which he held as of the manor of Rathdown,† of all which premises his son John died seised in tail male in 1671.

A survey of 1654 states the contents of Old Connaught and Cork as 500A., of which 400A. were arable, 80A. pasture, and 20A. meadow, that it was the property of James Walsh, "Irish

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Papist," that on the premises were a castle thatched, a grove of ash trees, the walls of the parish church &c., and erroneously adds, that the tithes belonged to the College of Dublin, which in truth were then parcel of the archbishop's mensals. For notices in 1693, see "Kiltarnan," in 1697, see "Ballyman," and as to the tithes in 1728, see also at the latter locality. 'It was not however, until after the treaty of Limerick, that the family of Walsh renounced this their inheritance, and withdrew to France; part of their old mansion stood upon the lord chancellor's demesne, until a short period before his acquiring it. For a notice in 1751, see at "Rathmichael."

About Old Connaught the botanist will find *lysimachia vulgaris*, great yellow loose strife; *arenaria trinervia*, plantain leaved sandwort; *hieracium paludosum*, succory-leaved hawkweed, &c.

The road hence to Ballyman is prettily shaded and hedged, and along its edges a fine basement border of the fern droops graceful and abundant. At right is Jubilee Hall, the castellated residence of the Misses Ryan.

## BALLYMAN.

This ancient locality, otherwise called Glannunder, has now but one house of respectable appearance, held by Mr. Smith under Lord Powerscourt. It commands a fine prospect, and from a terrace walk that bounds the lawn, charming vistas occasionally open of the sea, Bray Head, the Sugar Loafs, the Glyn of the Downs, and many other fine objects of Wicklow scenery. This townland being in the parish of Old Connaught, the tithes are paid to the incumbent of the union of Bray.

A very pretty glen, watered by the stream that here divides the counties of Dublin and Wicklow, takes its name from the place. In its depth is a well dedicated to St. Kevin, overshadowed by an ash tree, thickly entwined with ivy; and interlaced with such pendent scraps of cloth and linen, as a strange and inveterate superstition, singularly coinciding with a custom in the land of their eastern fathers, induces the Irish peasantry to fling over those stations of their reverence and prayer. "We passed," says Sir William Ouseley in his *Travels in Persia*, "by an old and withered tree, half covered with rags, fastened as votive offerings to the branches. I had already seen four or five near Abdui, and two or three previously in other places." Morier also, in his second journey through Persia, makes mention (p. 239) of the tomb of a Persian saint, and a small bush close beside it, on which were fastened various rags and shreds of garments, that it was supposed had acquired, from their vicinity to the saint, virtues peculiarly efficacious against sickness. Chardin made similar observations at Ispahan, while, in the kindred country of Scotland, as well in the Highlands and Western Isles, as in the Lowlands, Brand and Pennant bear testimony to similar offerings of superstition. Near it, in the midst of hawthorn trees, are the ruins of an old church, twelve feet long by seven wide, having but one solitary grave beside it—a large monumental stone—uncarved—unlettered—in an awful solitude—smothered with thorns and nettles—unsuggested by the pathway of devotion or affection.—It is the grave of a suicide!



In 1590 John Talbot died seised in fee of 120A. in Ballyman, which he held under a grant from King Henry the Eighth, at an annual rent.\* These were forfeited by his heir, at which time they were stated on a more enlarged description, as a castle, three tenements, and 183A., which thereupon passed, with other very extensive possessions hereabout, to the Wingfield family, the ancestors of Lord Powerscourt; and accordingly a survey of 1654 states Ballyman as comprising 100A. arable, 10A. meadow, and 10A. pasture, the property of Edward Wingfield, of Powerscourt, English Protestant; that there was on the premises a thatched castle; and erroneously adds, that the tithes belonged to the College of Dublin. The castle survived until within the last three years, when it was pulled down to supply materials for a modern edifice. It was situated near Mr. Morres's present residence.

In 1697 the Rev. John Talbot was parish priest of Old Connaught, Ballyman, Rathmichael, and Kiltiernan.

In 1728 Archbishop King, pursuant to the 2 Geo. I. c. 14, ss. 7, 8, and by deed reciting, that the tithes of Old Connaught, Fassaghroe, and Ballyman, were from time out of mind annexed to the see of Dublin, and were part of the mensals thereof, granted said tithes in trust for the persons who then had, or should thereafter have, the actual cure of souls in said parishes.

A pretty retired road leads from Ballyman to the Scalp, having the mountains of Wicklow at left, and those of Dublin in front, all beautifully interspersed with villas and ornamental plantations, traversed with fine lines of road, and occasionally exhibiting on their sides streams of blue smoke curling from the burning weeds, and adding not a little to the effect of the scene.

At the back of Ballyman is situated the romantic parish of

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## RATHMICHAEL,

otherwise Shankhill, through which, after traversing the valleys of Wicklow, the confederate forces of Strongbow and the infamous Dermot Mac Murrough effected their secret expedition from Waterford, for the relief of Dublin when besieged by the native princes, who occupied every other approach to the metropolis. In the depth of its hills are the remains of a castle adjoining the dwelling house of a farmer. At one side of it a bridle road, presenting on one of its banks the pediment of an ancient stone cross, ascends to the old church, which commands a noble and extensive view, of the character so frequently alluded to in this direction. It has a chancel, six yards long by four wide; and a nave, twenty by six. The round arch connecting these is perfect, and two lancet windows are also perfect. The edifice is of granite cemented with pebbled mortar; and there are no monuments worthy of notice either in it or the ancient circular grave-yard within which it was raised. Within the distance of a couple of yards from the church is the fragment of a round tower, about seven feet high, and twenty yards in outward circumference, here popularly called the Skull Hole, being filled, as the name suggests, with skulls and bones collected from the adjoining burial ground.

It would perhaps be an unwarrantable encroachment on the space proposed for this work, here to enter into any disquisition on this most curious species

of masonry, the Irish round towers ; so ancient, that, like the pyramids of Egypt, they baffle the attempts of the learned to explain their era—so durable, that, while they have for centuries resisted the impressions of time, they seem destined to perish only in the ruin of the world. A few remarks, however, may be allowed ; and the more curious reader is referred to a Prize Essay on the Ancient History of Ireland, written by the author of this work for the Royal Irish Academy, and published in their Transactions (Vol. XVI. Part 1.)

Here it may be briefly said, that every unprejudiced inquirer must conclude them to have been erected by the ancient Irish. They are not to be found in any other European country, but that to which Ireland sent the colony of Scots, that gave name to Scotland, while even there, but two solitary specimens occur at Abernethy and Brechin, as if marking the fact of that colonization having taken place when the pagan rites, for which the round towers were erected in the mother country, were on the decline. That they were not Danish is equally intelligible, as in no part of Denmark, or the other countries equally harassed by the Danes, do such edifices appear ; and the English found them here a national species of architecture, that equally excited their surprise and admiration in the twelfth century.

These and other inferences being favourable to the opinion, that the towers were of native construction, it must be concluded, that, as they are the most laboured piles of architecture in the island, they were

erected before the Danes had settled there, with manners and religious rites wholly unkindred to these edifices, and with such visitations of persecution, as would have necessarily debarred the natives from applying themselves to works so general, so laborious, and so massy.

But their founders and their era are even less questioned than their use, some imagining they were watch towers, although frequently built in deep valleys and lowlands, and in some places two immediately contiguous ; others, that they were Christian belfries, or anchorite towers, although found in no other part of Christendom, and wholly unsuited to such designs in their original construction. The first missionaries of the Gospel might have converted, and certainly did convert many of them to such uses, when they prudently erected their churches near them, and laboured with the same motive to merge their very name in the more grateful appellations of belfries, or anchorite towers ; but it would be hard to conjecture why Christians should build their churches of such frail materials as wicker and wood, and erect everlasting belfries, or hermitages of stone, at such a vast charge as must have been expended upon these. Another surmise, that they were constructed by the monks for the security of their treasure and their persons in cases of imminent danger, seems inconsistent with their unnecessary height and unaccommodating dimensions ; and while, on the one hand, the total absence of religious persecution in Ireland until the arrival of the Danes, militates with that opinion,

if their era be correctly assigned to a period antecedent to the invasion of that people ; on the other, the general destruction of all manuscripts, relics, and church ornaments by the Danes, while the towers remained unassailable, except by lightning or earthquake, is not less subversive of the theory, if their era was subsequent to that visitation. Giraldus Cambrensis, who accompanied Prince John to Ireland, makes mention of them as religious edifices, and in a manner from which it must be inferred that he, 650 years since, believed them more ancient than Christianity in Ireland. The Irish Annals of Tigernach, the oldest northern history extant, (if the Psalter of Cashel has perished,) were then written upwards of a century, and they recorded, what all the more ancient psalters and poems of the country, since lost, then testified—a certain inundation, by which a city and district, with numerous round towers, in the northern part of Ireland, were overwhelmed, and Lough Neagh formed over their ruins. Tigernach, with whose work Giraldus must have been well acquainted, fixes the period of this visitation to the year 62. It is not essential to the present purpose that such an inundation actually happened ; it was the opinion in Ireland at that time that it did ; it was matter of history in the country ; and Giraldus believing, and alluding to the remote event, says:—"It is no improbable evidence thereof, that the fishermen of that sheet of water at times clearly behold the religious towers, which, according to the custom of the country, are narrow, lofty, and round, immersed under the

waters; and they frequently shew them to strangers passing over them, and wondering at the causes of the phenomenon." Thus expressly recording his conviction, that they were of such high antiquity, that some of them might have been then overwhelmed; and calling them towers for religious uses, meaning evidently for the uses of the religion which at the alleged time of that inundation (the first century) governed the mind of Ireland. Were they for any Christian purpose, they would have borne a suitable name in his narrative. It is also worthy of notice, that the Ulster Annals even mention the fall of no less than fifty-seven round towers in Ireland by an earthquake, in A. D. 448, only sixteen years after the introduction of Christianity there.

It but remains to say, that the opinion of the present author is, that they were erected as fire houses, for the preservation of the sacred fire, at the time when the worship of the sun was the prevalent creed in Ireland; a worship consequential upon its great oriental colonization, and withal strikingly simple and exalted, in comparison with the heathen abominations that polluted the banks of the Ilissus and the Tiber; and, although this most legitimate species of paganism did here, as with the Magi of Persia, appear to degenerate into fire worship, the more liberal will perhaps admit in the former case, as they do in the latter, that fire was only used as a symbol of the visible fountain of light and heat, which was deemed in both countries, if not the deity, at least the throne of his glory. It must not be omitted, that a work has been

published exclusively on those edifices, by the late Mr. O'Brien, who died before experience had corrected his enthusiasm. Mr. Moore, with critical accuracy, defines this production as "a clever, but rather too fanciful disquisition;" and felicitously defines its scope as inculcating, that the towers were "symbols of that ancient Eastern worship, of which the god Mahadeva, or Siva, was the object."

The hill of Rathmichael rises to a considerable height above its old church and tower, and is every where traversed by doubtful pathways, winding round weather-stained rocks and cliffs, and amidst the yellow blossoms of the furze, the purple of the heath, the green fern, the white sparkling shingles, and the endless varieties of mosses, while every step of the ascent reveals new and more delightful prospects. One eminence is particularly worthy of notice, crowned as it is by perhaps the finest rath in Ireland. It extends over an area twenty-eight yards in diameter, the circumference of which was marked by a stone circle now nearly sodded over. Below, in a wider range, the ambit of the hill was cut into a deep fosse, much of which is still discernible; as also of a yet wider mound and wall enclosing even this. The position of the fort is most commanding. At the east are seen Bray Head with the town at its foot, Kilruddery peeping from its woods, and the conical summits of the two Sugar Loafs; at south the yet greater elevations of Shankhill and Carrickgollogan; at west the Three Rock mountain; and at the north Killiney, Dalkey island, and the whole expanse of sea, the intermediate

space being wholly filled with villas ; while in the closer range of inspection are seen the castle of Shankhill, another, only known by the elfin appellation of Puck's castle, the before-mentioned church and round tower of Rathmichael, and even yet more strikingly in a field below, the fresh verdure of which was strikingly contrasted with the brown and rugged appearance of the mountain, a stone circle, or rather the remains of three concentric circles, that mark where the warriors had descended from the fortress to the grave. The outer girdle of this interesting enclosure measures twenty-four yards in diameter, and is thickly set with thorn and fern. The enjoyment of the scene was greatly enhanced by its being visited in the presence of a native of Denmark, (Dr. Bohn Clement,) who, unassailably confident that the whole was attributable to the era of "royal Danes" in Ireland, gazed over every feature of these memorials with glowing eye, kindling excitement, and panting exultation—the village of Loughlinstown beneath aided the delusion—he seemed to behold the barks of Lochlin riding the wave, the priests of Odin celebrating their mysteries at the tower, the shields and battle-axes glittering through the valleys, and the standard of the raven floating on the pinnacle of the rath. Ten centuries, he thought, have passed, and, despite the convulsions of war, the rapine of property, the vicissitudes of inheritance, the wearing of the winds and weather, the very inflictions of agriculture, this, this, he said, the military station of my ancestors, rears its proud pinnacle unscathed and undishonoured ;



—nor was it, until his attention was directed to the cemetery, that marked the dissolution of ephemeral superiority, the little circle of the mighty dead, the last, the unviolated possessions of tyrants—for centuries unviolated by their victims, that his thoughts flowed in a calmer course; and, while he mourned the fallen fortunes of his countrymen, he gratefully acknowledged the generosity of a nation that warred not with the dead.

On the opposite side of the hill at Ballycorus, an ancient estate of the Talbot family, are a shot tower, a smelting mill, and a mill-race. The smelting works employ about forty persons daily, under the superintendence of the Mining Company of Ireland. Close to these works is the old stunted square tower before alluded to, called Puck's castle, and where King James is reported to have passed a night, while his army was encamped at Loughlinstown. A flight of stone steps still leads to the roof, over whose parapets a very splendid view of land and sea is obtained. It was one of these frontier residences, which the state of society in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries rendered necessary, especially on the marches of the territories of the O'Tooles, who ceased not to harass the palesmen of this vicinity down to the time of James the First.

The parish of Rathmichael constitutes a prebend in St. Patrick's Cathedral. It extends over 2808A. OR. 9P., and has compounded for its tithes at £250 per annum. The census of 1831 states its population as 1296 persons. In the Roman Catholic arrange-

ment, part of this parish is in the union of Sandymount, and part in that of Monkstown. The principal proprietors of the fee are the Archbishop of Dublin, (under whom Sir Compton Domville holds by lease,) and the Misses Roberts; Sir Compton lets the hilly arable pasture at £1 per acre, and the lowland at £2, his lessees, however, exact much higher rent.

Previous to 1179 this church was appropriated to Glendalough, but in that year Pope Alexander the Third assigned it as one of the possessions of the see of Dublin, a gift which Prince John further ratified, as did Pope Innocent the Third in 1216, King Edward in 1337, and King Richard in 1395.

So early as in the year 1227, Rathmichael is classed among the prebendal churches of St. Patrick's, when it was rated at twenty marks, an estimate which is reiterated in a taxation of 1306. In 1273, the See of Dublin being then vacant, the guardian of the diocese received the royal command to allow the Lord Justice to present a clerk to this church. In 1318 the king presented John de Maltown thereto, and in 1326 an extent was taken as to the boundaries of the manor of Shankhill, which states Dalkey with its island as included therein, adding that there were no buildings at Shankhill, same having been burned by the Irish, that a large quantity of the land continued waste, being on the marches, and that there was a park on the premises under oaks and thorns to the extent of thirty acres.

In 1537 Peter Talbot of Shankhill was appointed Captain Governor over that part of the marches of Dublin county, called Harold's country.

In 1539 the prebend of Rathmichael was taxed to the first fruits at £8 1s. 1d., Irish, and an inquisition of 1547 reports the extent of its rectory, and the townlands out of which its tithes were issuable. These tithes, it states, were of the yearly value of £20, while the altarages, besides the curate's stipend and cost of repairing the chancel, were worth 28s. annually. It also mentions the demesne annexed to this rectory, as two gardens and fifteen acres of arable land.

In 1570 Richard Dixon, Prebendary of Rathmichael, was elevated to the See of Cork and Cloyne.

In 1627 Patrick Barnewall died, seised of one messuage and 63A. here, which he held of the king *in capite* by knight service.

A survey of 1654, enumerating the sub-denominations of this parish, states them as Shanganagh, Ballycorus, Loughlinstown, and Brennanstown, containing 792A., of which the document states that 180A. arable, and 44A. pasture and mountain were church lands, while it erroneously alleges that the tithes appertained to the college, which in truth belonged to St. Patrick's Cathedral.

In 1669 Ezekiel Hopkins, Prebendary of Rathmichael, was consecrated Bishop of Raphoe. For notices in 1693 see at "Kiltiernan," and in 1697 at "Ballyman."

In 1751 Doctor John Lyon was Prebendary of Rathmichael, in which year a terrier was taken of this estate signed by him. It defines the parish as extending over the hamlets of Rathmichael, Shankhill, Ballycorus, Prompstown, Shanganagh, Cork, and part of Connaught. He enjoyed both the great and small tithes of those townlands; the glebe, denominated "Carrigeen," was situated north of the church, about 112 perches distant therefrom, and contained, according to a survey then made, 18A. 0R. 24P.

Succession of the Prebendaries of Rathmichael, as far as ascertained :—

1290 Adam de Wetherall.  
1452 Richard Whitacres.  
1523 Walter Cusack.  
1537 Robert Eustace.  
1546 Anthony St. Leger.  
1555 Thomas Lockwood.  
1569 Edward Crofts.  
1570 Richard Dixon.  
1570 Nicholas Barnewall.  
1583 Godfrey Loftus.  
1615 John Parker.

1619 William Philips.  
1629 William Floyd.  
1649 Thomas Seele.  
1660 Cæsar Williamson.  
1663 Thomas Reilly.  
1669 Ezekiel Hopkins.  
1675 James Wall.  
1680 John Burton.  
1693 John King.  
1695 John Hinton.  
1702 Christopher Jenny.

1713 Philip Chamberlaine.	1776 Thomas Torrens.
1751 John Lyon.	1792 William Henry Barnard.
1764 Hon. and Rev. William Beresford, afterwards Bishop of Ossory and Archbishop of Tuam.	1796 James Wilmot Ormsby.
1768 Thomas Leland.	1800 Edward Mangan.
1773 Benjamin Domville.	1805 James Wilmot Ormsby.
1774 Thomas Cradock.	1811 Edmund Knox.
	1817 Hon. and Rev. Charles Knox.
	1830 Rev. John Hunt.

Proceeding from the castle of Shankhill towards Loughlinstown, immediately at left is seen a pretty villa, which wore some peculiar features of attraction to the author, as the spot where the greater portion of this work was composed, the centre of its later excursions, the home of a summer's happiness. His parting glance beheld it canopied with the glories of an autumnal sunset; the cottage windows brightened in the last blaze of day, the jessamine, and roses, and wood-bine waved over their lattices; the children were running their farewell gambols through the lawns and shrubberies; the light and shade flitted over the furzy heathery face of Rathmichael, the ivied remains of its church, the nearer ruins of the castle, the dark green back of Shankhill, and the feathery woods of Old Connaught; and at last the deepening of the eastward sky, the misty tops of the Wicklow hills, and grey evening stealing over the promontory of Bray Head, imperatively recommended departure.

A pretty road descends hence to the glebe house erected by Doctor John Lyon, (the friend and contemporary of Dean Swift,) and for several years the

favourite residence of Doctor Thomas Leland, author of the History of Ireland, who is said to have planted its groves. Beyond this, in a secluded valley watered by a mountain stream and deeply shaded by trees, is the village of

## LOUGHLINSTOWN,

otherwise Loughnanstown, partly the fee of Sir Compton Domville, and partly of the Misses Byrne. The pretty rivulet, by which it is traversed, takes its rise near the church of Kilternan, whence flowing between the hills of Carrickmines and Shankhill, by Ticknock and Ballycorus through Brides-glen, it passes by this village, and, supplying a head for a flour-mill at Shanganagh, empties itself into the sea near Killiney. In the village of Loughlinstown is a school for about seventy children, supported by the Protestant curate and by private subscriptions.

A survey of 1654 states this locality as containing 458A., of which 390A. had been the inheritance of James Goodman of Loughnanstown, Irish Papist, who had acted in the Irish army as Provost Marshal, that the remaining 128A., were the property of the Dean of Christ Church in right of his deanery, that there was a mill in use on Goodman's portion, and a thatched castle on the Dean's.

In 1666 Sir William Domville, Knight, then Attorney General for Ireland, had a grant of Loughnanstown 460A., and Kilbeggott 55A., as also of two fairs here, at a certain crown rent which was recently purchased by Sir Compton Domville.

Here the army of King James encamped, and remained for five successive days after the battle of the Boyne. (On one of

the intervening nights the unfortunate monarch is said to have slept at Puck's Castle before mentioned.) Here also Lord Carhampton established an encampment during the horrible scenes of 1798.

About Loughlinstown flower *lysimachia vulgaris*, great yellow loose strife; *verbena officinalis*, vervain; *erysimum alliaria*, Jack by the hedge.—On the old trees, *hypnum sciuroides*, creeping hypnum.—In the marshes, *lysimachia nummularia*, creeping loose strife; *alnus glutinosa*, common alder; *orchis latifolia*, broad-leaved marsh orchis.—On the commons, *marrubium vulgare*, common horehound.—In the fields above the village, *scilla nutans*, hare bell squill; *orchis morio*, green winged orchis: and, in the moist places between this and the Three Rock mountain, *orchis viridis*, frog orchis. Immediately adjoining the village is the seat of Mr. Justice Day; opposite which that of Mr. O'Toole is announced with some striking interest of association and surprise, that such a name still exists on the edge of the marches.

At left, between this and Cabinteely, the especially ancient and picturesque remains of the church of

#### TULLAGH,

i. e. of the green eminence, will be found well worthy of a visit. It is supposed to have been originally built by the Danes, and dedicated to their king and patron St. Olave, who, having been King of Norway, and instructed in the gospel in England, went thence to Rouen, where he was baptized. On his return to his

own country, he carried with him some ecclesiastics to convert his subjects; but they, refusing to listen to his preachers, and offended at the severe means that he used in converting them, expelled him from his kingdom. The exile took shelter in Russia, whence however he soon afterwards returned, and raised an army in the assertion of his crown. He was slain, however, by his rebellious and infidel subjects in a battle which took place on the 29th of July, (1030,) which day is still observed as the anniversary of his martyrdom.

Certainly, every circumstance connected with this edifice bespeaks its antiquity; its diminutive proportion, its semicircular arches, and above all, the two remarkable stone crosses that it still exhibits. One of these is of the order that Ledwich calls Odin crosses, and stands on the road outside the grave-yard, the other remains in the opposite field, and is of the Maltese form, very tall, and having various stone fragments scattered round it. One side of the latter bears carved upon it something resembling a heart in alto relievo. This double manifestation of the cross appears, as mentioned in the "General History of the County," to denote that Tullagh was one of those sanctuaries or asylums, which were benevolently intended to protect the penitent or the persecuted, in all ages and amongst nations of all religious persuasions, from the periods of those established at Athens by the descendants of Hercules, by Cadmus at Thebes, and by Romulus at Rome. The Israelites had their cities of refuge, which were of God's own

appointment, where the guilty, who had not committed any deliberate crime, found safety and protection. Even among the ancient Gauls asylums existed, as at Lyons and Vienne, and there are some cities in Germany which still preserve this privilege. The Emperors Honorius and Theodosius first extended the immunity to Christian churches and the consecrated ground about them, whence they were introduced with the gospel into England and Ireland, and persons accused of any crime, except treason or sacrilege, who fled to them, were protected, on submitting to penitence and satisfaction, acknowledging their offence before the officers of justice, declaring the whole truth in relation to it, and solemnly abjuring the realm, an act by which their blood became attainted, and they forfeited all their goods and chattels. All such privileges and immunities have, however, been long since abrogated by statute.

The parish of Tullagh is in the union of Monkstown, extends over 3285A. 1R. 31P., comprised in five townlands, and was in 1831 returned as having a population of 1385 persons. The Archbishop of Dublin is the chief proprietor of the fee, and the average acreable rent is about £4 per annum.

In 1178 Archbishop O'Toole confirmed this church to the Priory of the Holy Trinity, while, according to the taxation roll of 1306, there was a carucate of land here appropriated to St. Patrick's cathedral, and then valued at £6 per annum.

In 1370 Matthew, the son of Reymund de Bermingham, was despatched hither by the Lord Deputy to oppose the Kavanaghs, O'Byrnes, and O'Nolans, and other Irish enemies.\*

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\* Rot. in Cane. Hib.



A survey of 1654 limits the scope of this parish to 666A., and the number of its townlands to three.

An extremely beautiful and picturesque road descends from this into Cabinteely, having at left the finely ornamented demesne of Mr. Pim, and at right the natural beauties of the glen of

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descending into which by a pretty cottage, to the brink of the stream of Loughlinstown, here deepened into a river, while the valley itself seems closed up by the Three Rock mountain, a magnificent cromlech presents itself, consisting of a prodigious altar-stone, six feet thick at the upper part, and diminishing to two at the lower, its length being about eighteen feet by fifteen wide, grooved through the centre in an irregular small channel, and leaning in an inclined position upon very large slabs of rock, two at each side. It has, also, a slab at its head, and another at its foot, but these bear no proportion of the weight.

Some small plantations appear around this mystic scene, the humble successors of those venerated oaks,

“ Whose antique roots peeped out

Upon the brooks, that brawled along this wood.”

Yet, slender representatives as they are of the monarchs of the forest, it is impossible to leave this valley without a strong reminiscence of the deep and awful shades within which, some fifteen centuries nearer to the birthday of the world, the Magi celebrated their imposing rites, when every tree had its wood nymph revealed to the eye of the votary, as she

waved her green locks in the breeze; when every caverned rock was the haunt of some echoing spirit of the hill, and the rivulet, as it dimpled over its pebbled channel, or heaved the rushes and water lilies that impeded its course, was deemed the organ of Naiad music, when every sound of creation in the air, the water, or on earth was deemed the harmony of praise to the listening ear of heaven.

A survey of 1654 states this denomination of Brennanstown as containing 104A., of which sixty were arable, forty pasture or furze, and four meadow, the property of the Dean of Christ Church in right of his deanery, adding that there were on the premises a thatched castle, a tuck-mill, and a corn-mill, and that the tithes belonged to Christ Church.

The adjoining townland of

#### CABINTEELY,

is partly the property of Sir Compton Domville, and yet more of the Misses Byrne; the latter are almost always absentees, though they have a fine house here, and certainly the most strongly enclosed demesne in the county. Adjacent, on the Dublin road, is the village, which wears no prepossessing appearance, but in it a commodious Roman Catholic chapel has been recently erected, with a most commendable economy of time and funds.

On the line hence to Kingstown is the hamlet of

#### KILL,

anciently called Clonkene, or the Kill (i. e. church) of the Grange, whose remains are still distinguishable,

aisle and chancel, the former eight yards by six, the latter seven by six. Within these ruins, in the dark shadow of ivy and elder trees, is a monument of the Finigans, while in the grave-yard is a tombstone to the memory of Mr. Byrne of Cabinteely, who died in 1799, and another to some members of the Hinchy family. There is, also, the fragment of a stone cross standing north of the ruins; and another on a bank outside the consecrated space, the former is perforated with two holes, each of a size to admit a hand to pass through.

This place gives name to a parish comprising 2702A. 2R. 28P., in three townlands, and a population returned in 1831 as 1305 persons, of whom 1016 were Roman Catholics. Its rectory being part of the corps of the deanery of Christ Church, it ranks as a curacy, included in 1780 by act of council in the union of Monkstown, in which it likewise is in the Catholic dispensation. Mr. Espinasse is the principal proprietor of the fee.

For a notice of the church in 1615, see at "Dalkey." A survey of 1654 estimates the total number of acres in this parish as 1380, of which it states 335 belonged to the Dean of Christ Church in right of his deanery, who was also entitled to the tithes of a large proportion, the remainder being the property of the economy of Christ Church. For notices of the tithes in 1673, and of the union of the curacy in 1780, see at "Monkstown" in those years.

By a local and personal act of 1811 (51 Geo. III. c. clxxxi.), reciting, that the Dean of Christ Church was possessed of between five and six hundred acres, called the Grange of Clonkeen or the Dean's Grange, formerly the demesne or mensal lands of his predecessors, and valued in 1796 at £869 5s. 10d., the said deau

and his successors were empowered to accept surrenders, and grant new leases thereof for twenty-one years, at rents not less than those theretofore reserved.

Returning hence to Kingstown, it will but remain for the tourist to fly over the triumphant railway that traverses the ancient home of the ocean, and, hurrying by all the fine landscapes and wonders of the shore, Kingstown, Salthill, Seapoint hotel, the tunnel at Lord Cloncurry's handsome seat, the groves and verdant slopes of Lisnaskea, i. e. the fort of the briars, and all the bordering villages before enumerated, to reach the metropolis, and there close those EXCURSIONS, in which it has been the solicitous object of this work to interest him. If the author has realized this wish, if he has invested with some intellectual associations the metropolitan county of Ireland, enhanced its attractions in the eyes of natives, and recommended them to the attention of strangers, much has been accomplished; but if, withal, this advance has been effected without flattering a party, or feeding a prejudice, if not a comment can be found in this lengthened volume of Irish history, that should make one subject of the empire unfriendly to another, or disassociate the hearts of his countrymen, then, then, indeed, will he confidently hope that the noble and patriotic individuals, who chivalrously permitted their names to be announced as the promoters of his first county history, will honour with their continued encouragement, those topographical illustrations which he may be hereafter induced to undertake, during the intervals allowed from professional avocations.

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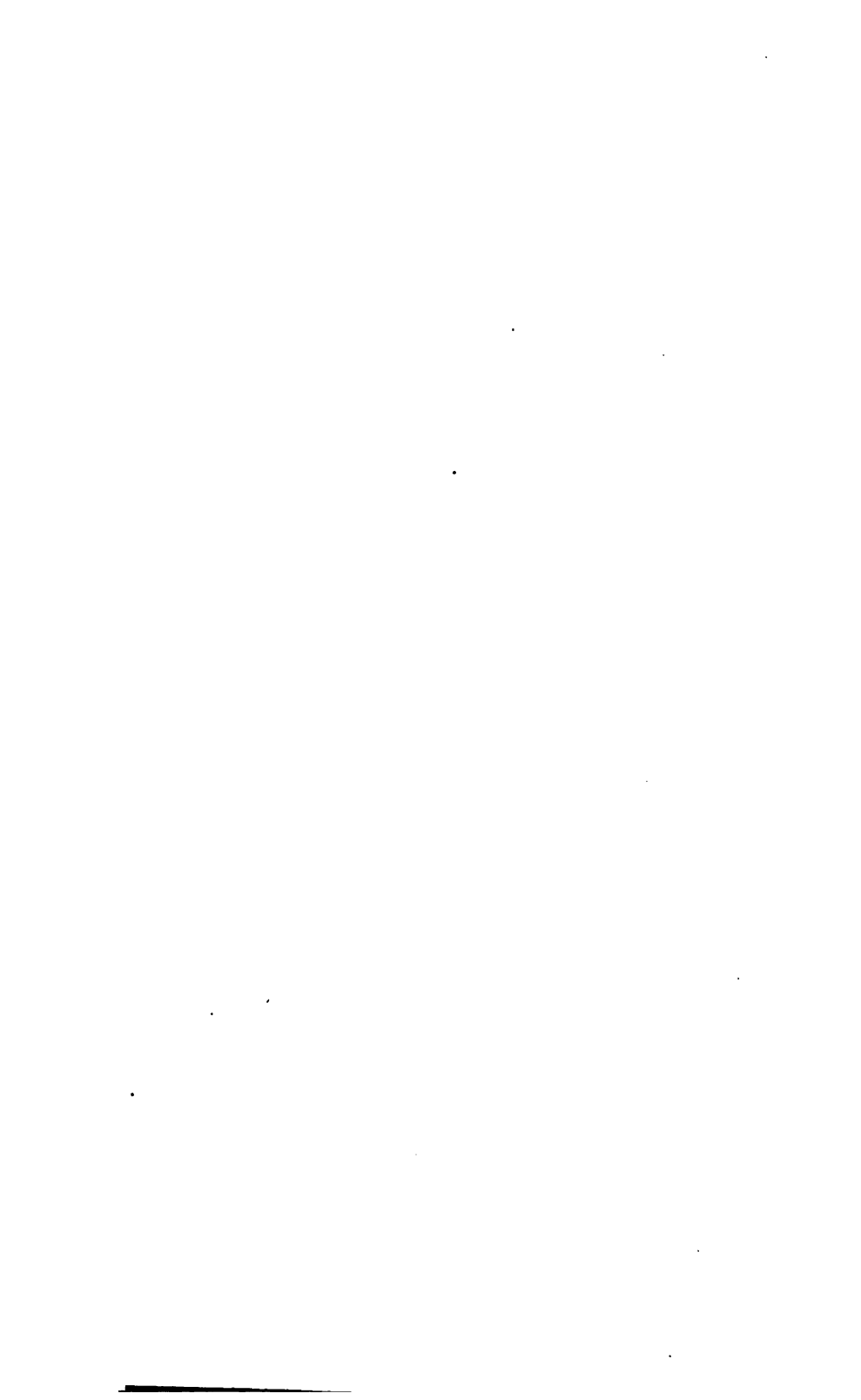


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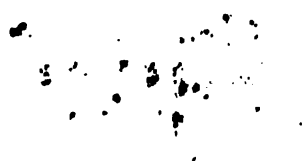
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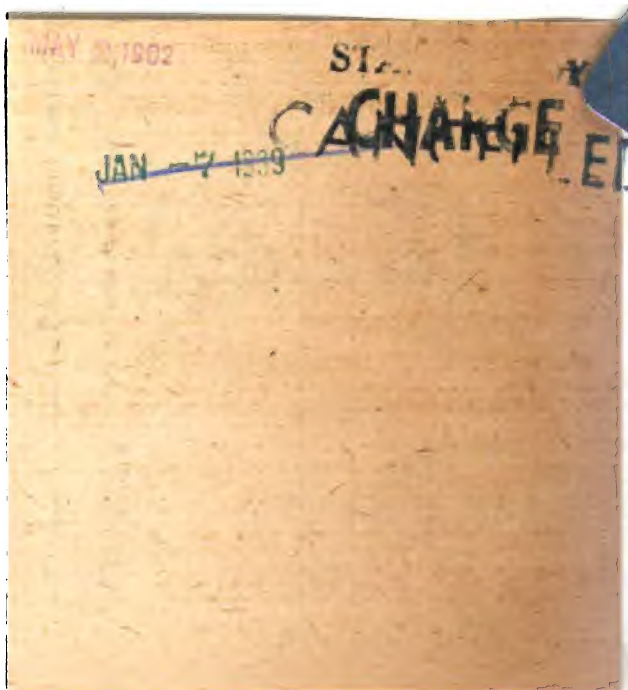












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